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WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT BRINDISI AND MALTA.

Date of sailing. Saturday	Steamers.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
8-30 P.M. 1907.				
21st Sept.	PENINSULAR....	5294	INDIA	7911
28th „	MARMORA	10609	.....	.....
4th Oct.	ORIENTAL	5294	MONGOLIA ...	9505
12th „	ARABIA.....	7903	.....	.....
19th „	ORIENTAL	5294	VICTORIA	6523
26th „	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
2nd Nov†	MACEDONIA	10512	BRITANNIA....	6525
9th „	OCEANA	6610	.....	.....
16th „	PENINSULAR....	5294	MOOLTAN	9651
23rd „	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
30th „	PENINSULAR....	5294	CHINA	7912
7th Dec.	MARMORA	10509	.....	.....
14th „	PENINSULAR....	5294	HIMALAYA.....	6898
21st „	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
28th „	ORIENTAL	5294	MOLDAVIA.....	9500
1908.				
4th Jan.	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
11th „	ORIENTAL	5294	INDIA	7911
18th „	OCEANA	6610	.....	.....
25th „	ORIENTAL	5294	MONGOLIA...	9505
1st Feb.	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
8th „	CALEDONIA	7886	VICTORIA	6523
14th „	ORIENTAL	5294	.....	.....
22nd „	MACEDONIA ...	10512	.....	.....
29th „	ARCADIA	9803	.....	.....
7th Mar.	CALEDONIA	7578	BRITANNIA ...	6525
14th „	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
21st „	CALEDONIA.....	7858	MOOLTAN	9621
28th „	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
4th Apr.	MARMORA	10609	.....	.....
11th „	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
18th „	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA.....	9500
26th „	MACEDONIA ...	10512	.....	.....
2nd May	ORIENTAL	5294	HIMALAYA.....	6898
9th „	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	.....
16th „	ORIENTAL	5294	MONGOLIA....	9505
23rd „	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....

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ARMAND BEHIC	6,385	Guionnet	3rd Oct. 1907.
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CLAUDONIEN	4,130	Martin	28th Nov. „
DUMBEA	5,686	Boyer	26th Dec. „
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Combe	23rd Jan. 1908.
AUSTRALIEN	6,365	Verron	20th Feb. „
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AFRICA	4696	P. Badessich	1st Dec
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TEROSHI MARU	...	.....	2nd Oct.	10th Oct.
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25	24 3	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
30	27 4	56 13	43 13	36 9	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
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In this indirect fashion Montague Morrison may be considered as the good, though unknown, friend of Ruth Lovatt. She is not fitted to cope with Dame Fortune on her own account, but her friends and her circumstances fight in her favour.

Another most interesting character is Lady Sabina Ford, sister to Ruth's step-mother. She influences Ruth strongly, and proves to be her best friend and adviser. For a forceful personality on the feminine side, she divides the honours with Mary Paradyne but the latter lacks intuition, and her inability to perceive wherein lies the essential difference between Ruth and herself constitutes her a poor adviser, although a good friend.

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THE B I S N Co's steamer Lhasa, 936 tons, Captain H McDiarmed sailed yesterday for Karachi &c. with a general cargo and passengers.

THE Anchor Line steamer Scindia 3,253 tons Captain S Abrey, sailed yesterday for Liverpool &c.. with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Upada, 3,382 tons, Captain W F Stewart arrived in harbour on the 15th instant from Samarang, with a general cargo and one deck passenger.

The Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have decided that Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10th, 12th, 13th, and 14th September should be regarded as Full Weather Working Days for Vessels in the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

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Trawl Torpedo Boats .....Royal Navy
R I M S Minto.....Lt Comdr Hardcastle.....R I Marine

In the stream.

R I M S Hardinge .....Comdr G A Rose.....R I Marine
R I M S Duffe rin.....Comdr H S Black .....R I Marine
R I M S Northbrook...N J F Wilson .....R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—September 16.

Agapanthus .....3866 Davies.....W & A Graham & Co
Capri .....2784 Deisito.....F & R S N Co
Dwarka .....750 Moxon.....P Gulf .....M M & Co
Pattala .....3702 Allen.....M M & Co
Ipswich .....613 Wallace.....Shah S N Co
Lalpoora .....2124 Hodgson.....M M & Co
Loodianu .....2124 Chidley.....M M & Co
Oriental .....3395 Tocquen.....P & O Co
Oolobaris.....3486 LeGrand.....M M & Co
Shahnoor.....1783 Foster .....Shah S N Co
Shahjehan .....2966 Davison .....Shah S N Co
Shah Najum .....2751 Davison .....Shah S N Co
Shah Ameer .....1990 Pilling.....N F.....Shah S N Co
Waroonga .....1609 Bamber.....M M & Co
Zena .....446 Mohamad...K'chi...N F The Shah S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—September 16.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shd.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	City of Lucknow..	3370	Boyck.....	L'pool.....	3-10	K Nizon & Co
O&H	Haddon Hall...	2671	Abram	K chi.....	14-9	K Nizon & Co
O&R	Kentiwork ..	1769	McClelland ..	Antwerp..	23-9	W & A G&Co
D&E	Councellor ..	3170	Cowans ...	L'pool....	22-9	W & A G & Co
F	Stanley Hall ..	2660	Henderson..	L'pool....	28-9	K Nizon & Co
G	Mozaffari	1387	Jourdan ...	K S Ports...	21-9	Bo P S N Co
H	Islami	1604	Newby	Jedda....	19-9	B & P S N Co
K	Dido.....	3127	Pickering	Hull via K'chi...	20-9	F Muir & Co
M	Akrodite.....	3514	Valentine ...	Shanghai....	1-10	P & O Co
N	Umsings	1895	Miller...	Middlesborough...	26-9	W & A GCo
P	Ebrenfels	2792	Kuckens	K'chi.....	24-9	Glade & Co
Q	Kaiser	1714	Mol Holdt....	Z'bar.....	19-9	A Strander

Offside Q

Mohammadi	1252	Deater	Jedda	21-9	B & P S N Co

H W P D

Bahadori	529	Fakeera	N F	Bo S N Co
Kaveri	553	Mahomed	B'nagar	17-9	Bo S N Co
Satrunji	347	Hossein	K'chi	17-9	Bo S N Co
Sabarmati	524	Mahomed	M'Glore	16-9	Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

2	Wakamiya Maru	3437	Takeda Kobe	17-9	N Y Kaisha
3	Upada	3382	Stewart	N F	M & Co
4	Levanzo	2282	Grovone...	Shanghai...	17-9	F & R S N Co
5	Kagoshima Maru	3731	Kori.....	Kobe....	23-9	N Y Kaisha
6	Chopra	3554	England	Antwerp..	22-9	M M & Co
7	Istock	2991	Tiele	Kobe.....	23-9	A L S N Co
8	Nidderdale	3790	Alexandra...	Hull...	17-9	W & A G & Co
9	Kt of the Garter..	4296	Tinnis	Havre...	21-9	K Nizon & Co
10&11	Dido.....	4783	Andrews ...	Shanghai...	18-9	P & O Co
12	Deyanha	4785	Hide	Shanghai ...	15-10	P & O Co
15	Magician	3371	McKee...	Dunkirk...	25-9	Killick N & Co
16	Budsie	1613	Born.....	N F.....		G Jeewanjee

M W D D

Conrland.....	760	Ebrahim.....	repairing	Bo S N Co

ARRIVAL.

Sept	Vessel.	Commander,	Destination.
15	Upada	Stewart	Samarang, Aug 13

DEPARTURES.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Kazara s	Chappel	Persian Gulf, &c
	Lhasa s	McDiarmed ..	Karachi, &c
	Scindia s	Abrey	Liverpool, &c

The steamer Oolobaris, Cockton, for Calcutta, obtained her portclearance yesterday

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Steamer Loodiana, for Calcutta, &c
" Waroonga, for Persian Gulf, &c
" Dwarka, for Persian Gulf, &c

DAILY EXPORTS.—SEPT. 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Counseller s—400 bales wool, C Nanjee ; 55 bales wool D Goolabchand ; 44 bales wool, L Ibrahim ; 8 bales wool, M Balya ; 40 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co.

Magician s—55 bales cotton waste, W Wolf and Sons ; Scindia s—2,000 cwts myrabollams, G Madhowjee and Co.

FOR HULL.

Dido s—21 bales twist, Greaves Cotton and Co.

Nidderdale s—3,517 cwts cottonseed, G Madhowjee ; 250 cwts ingerseed, A Blascheck and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Kt of the Garter s—2,000 cwts rapeseed, John Fachiri.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Magician s—105 cwt gum, S Damji and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Chupra s—2,000 cwts poppyseed, Louis Dreyfus and Co ; 148 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co ; 500 tons Manganesecre, The Shivrajpur Syndicate Ld ; 500 cwts myrabollams, Arjoon Khimjee ; 1,000 tons manganesecre, Kiddle Reeve and Co ; 900 bales cotton, 5,000 cwts poppyseed, 18,900 cwts mowraseed, and 600 cwts castorseed, Ralli Bros

Kenilworth s—3,998 cwts rapeseed, S C Italiana ; 704 cwts mustorseed, 100 cwt fenugriesseed, Volkart Brothers ; 100 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co ; 1,000 tons manganesecre, Kiddle Reeve and Co ; 999 cwts poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co ; 880 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 330 bales cotton, Volkart Bros ; 1,625 cwts mowrasced, E D Sassoon and Co ; 200 tons manganesecre, Kiddle Reeve and Co.

Kt of the Garter s—3,998 cwts rapeseed, S C Italiana ; 400 cwts myrabollams, Arjoon Khimjee ; 100 cwts cashewnuts, R Jeewandas and Co; 440 bales cotton A Moritz ; 110 bales cotton, Sorabjee Framjee and Co ; 7,996 cwts rapeseed, S C Italiana ; 3,879 cwts mowrasced, 3,990 cwts poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Scindia s—2,000 cwt linseed, L Dreyfus and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Stanley Hall s—4,000 cwts linseed, Louis Dreyfus, and Co ; 200 tons old iron, C J Futehally and Co ; 106 bales cotton, W Wolf and Sons ; 100 cwt cumminseed, P Soorji and Co ; 21 bales twist, B Gores and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Istok s—500 bales twist, M M Essabhoy.

Delhi s—18 chests opium, P B Petit and Co ; 34 chests opium, D Sassoon and Co ; 15 chests opium. C Janmahomed 36 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co ; 8 chests opium, C Bomonjee and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Delhi s—225 bales twist, M M Essabhoy ; 40 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co ; 25 chests opium E D Sassoon and Co ; 80 chests opium, Sassoon J, David and Co ; 40 chests opium, C Ebrahim and Co ; 10 chests opium, P B Petit and Co ; 200 bales twist, Framji Sons and Co ; 30 chests opium, C Bomanjee and Co ; 40 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co.

Istok s—100 bales twist, Sassoon David and Co ; 100 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

Wakamiya Maru s—300 bales twist, Tata and Sons.

FOR KOBE.

Kagoshima Maru s—192 bales cotton, N Futehally and Co ; 450 bales cotton, Japan Cotton Trading and Co.

Wakamiya Maru s—500 bales cotton, D D Currance and Co ; 2 cases wraps, The M B Kaisha ; 20 bales cotton, The Meteni B Kaisha.

THE French Officers who are now serving at Casa Blanca have been surprised at the number and quality of the arms which the Moors have become possessed of, and have been asking themselves where the supply comes from. The answer to this is very simple, according to the "Gaulois." The greater number of these rifles come from the depot in Paris, where the Government sell by auction the arms which are cast away from the French Service. These weapons are sold on the understanding that they are to be exported, for the State seems to fancy that the only dangers to be apprehended are internal. For the last fifteen years, it is stated on good authority, these weapons have been bought by intermediaries on behalf of firms in Hamburg, from which port they are smuggled into various countries, Morocco being the chief purchaser. There is a strong feeling in Paris that their sale should be stopped.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING.] [16TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Bank Rates—

Bank of England ...4½ per cent. from 15th Aug.
Bank of Bengal .....4 per cent. " 12th Sept.
Bank of Bombay.....3 per cent. " 1st Aug.
Bank of Madras .....4 per cent. " 9th July.

Money :—

The Bank of Bombay Cash balance is Rs. 14 lakhs down.

Exchange :—

The market opened to-day at 1s. 3 31/32d. T. T. and 1s. 4d. on demand, but there were sellers of T. T. at 1s. 4d. and a fair amount was taken for near delivery. There is some enquiry for forward wire but Banks will not give the rates that are asked. Credits were quoted firm at 1s. 4½d. 3 months' sight and bills were placed at that rate for two mails. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 3 31/32d.	to 1s. 4d.
Demand Draft	1s. 4d.	
Credits— 3 months' sight	1s. 4 1/4d.	
Do. 6 months' sight	1s. 4 15/32d.	
Do. 2 months' sight—France	170	
Do. 2 months' sight—Marks.	139	
Hongkong—30 days' sight... ...	164	
Yokohama—30 days' sight	150 1/8	
Shanghai— 30 days' sight	224 1/8	

Government Paper :—

The market opened at 97 1/4 for cash and 97½ for the settlement. When it became known that the Bank of Bombay balance was Rs.14 lakhs down the market became easier, the quotations for cash and settlement falling 1/16. In the afternoon, however, a firmer feeling set in, the market closing with buyers at the opening rates. Calcutta quotations are easier at 97 for cash and 96 15/16 for delivery forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	Rs.	97 4
1st Settlement	"	97 3

Bullion :—

There was no change in the price of Bar silver in London on Saturday ready closing at 31 5/16 and forward at 31 7/16. New York is steady at 67¾. Locally the market has been steady, ready bars opening at 79 9/16 ex-duty and closing unchanged. Forward rates are noted below. Bar Gold is steady.

We quote :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	1	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	6
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	79	9	6
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	79	9	6
Ditto 2nd " ...	79	14	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

The decline continues in the Home markets, but locally the effect is small and prices are giving way slowly. Indian Coton, which was previously cheap, is now more on a level with Americane,

The market opened quiet but steady after the holidays, with few sellers of New Crop owing to the absence of rain up-Country. There has been little demand from shippers, and the bazaar is again quiet. We quote at the close as under.

Holders of ready Cotton are offering stocks freely but there is only a small enquiry.

NEW CROP.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach.....	280	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	254	"
Fine " Nagpur Kampti.....	226/29	Jany. 08
" " Damangaum Pulgaum	231	"
" " Khangaum Akola ...	231	"
" " Amraoti	231	"
" " Muttia	210	"
F.G.M.G. Khandesh	201	"
Fine M. G. "	210/11	"
" " Bengais	205	"
" " "	207	Dec. 07
" " "	210	Nov. 07
Fully Good H. G Bengals	197	Jany. 08

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone	Easier.	
Estimated Sales	8,000	bales
Total Imports	2,000	"

Future Delivery Prices :—

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb
6 23	6 23	6 24	6 22	6 22
—10	—10	—11	—10	—10
Feb.-March	**Mar.-Apr.**	**Apr.-May**		**May-June.**
6 22	6 23	6 21		6 23
—11	—10	—10		—11

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

The market is easier and prices have given way. There is only a small business doing. We quote :—

Ready.	Rs.	7	14 0
September	Rs.	8	3 0

Rapeseed :—

The market is quiet but steady as under :—

Brown Cawnpore ...	Rs.	9	14 0
Yellow Gusarat ...	"	10	8 0

Gingellyseed :—

The market is very firm with few sellers and we quote as follows :

Bold White 85 p. c. ...	Rs.	57	0 0	Dec.-Jan.
" " 75 p. c. ...	"	55	0 0	"
Black Kutni	"	49	0 0	"

Poppyseed :—

Prices are very firm, but there is little doing. Stocks are scarce.

Ready .	Rs.	12	2 0

Cottonseed :—

Tone—Steady.	Rs.	21	0 0

Castorseed :—

Tone—Quiet but Steady.	Rs.	38	0 0

Mowraseed :—

Tone—Steady	Rs.	5	14 0

Wheat :—

Ready White Delhi, ...	Rs.	5	6 0
New White Delhi, April-May...	Rs.	5	5 0

Tone—Firm.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—

Bombay	1,365
India	64 1/2

Mills :—

Central India Mills 8% Coy. Ld.	2,055
Century	1,700
David	462 1/2
Empress	440
Howard and Bullough	590
Kohinoor...	740
Maneckji Petit	3,280
Standard...	1,250
Textile	1,200

Presses :—

Breul's Cawnpore	200
Hingoli	125
New Mofussil	630

Miscellaneous :—

Alcock Ashdown and Co... ...	330
Badham Pile and Co.	136
Bombay Flour Mill	950
Colaba Land and Mill	1,115
Marcks and Co	135
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate.	55

Railways :—

Ahmedabad Prantej	557 1/2
Amritsar-Patti	112
Tapti Valley	457 1/2

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Cotton	280	bales.
Wheat	9,184	cwts.
Linseed	3,189	"
Rapeseed...	1,383	"
Gingellyseed	50	"
Poppyseed	196	"
Groundnuts	154	"
Castorseed	6,107	"
Rice	35	"
Myrabollams	30	"
Cottonseed	1,819	"
Mowraseed	2,459	"
Gram	1,301	"
Jeowar	21	"
Maize	120	"

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal, for the week ending 10th Sept., 1907, as compared with the statement of 3rd Sept. 1907 :—

LIABILITIES.	Aug. 3. Rs.	a.	p.	Sept. 10. Rs.	a.	p.
Capital paid up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	1,55,00,000	0	0	1,55,00,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c	1,62,55,312	0	8	1,73,73,552	13	7
Other Deposits, &c.....	15,79,14,491	15	7	13,57,09,504	1	8
Bank Post Bills, &c	11,38,625	8	8	12,55,229	11	11
Sundries	13,84,639	15	10	13,38,886	4	2
Rs..	21,32,32,883	8	6	21,41,02,580	15	4
ASSETS.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Government Securities.....	2,36,52,333	0	0	2,48,37,477	0	0
Other authorised Investments	26,50,996	8	0	24,62,253	0	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities.....	3,63,74,422	13	3	4,18,80,401	4	10
Accounts of Credit on do..	2,36,86,482	13	0	2,31,38,511	6	0
Bills discounted &c	3,26,07,312	0	4	3,66,10,396	2	1
Balances with other Banks..	16,47,706	0	5	13,92,200	10	2
Bullions						
Dead Stock	16,91,462	12	10	16,87,350	5	10
Stamps	13,662	4	11	13,198	3	0
Sundries	2,67,360	5	7	2,66,511	10	0
	13,15,87,863	8	5	13,05,86,331	8	11
Cash &c., at Head Office .. } Do. at Branches .. }	9,08,05,016	15	11	8,34,46,249	6	5
Rs..	21,23,92,882	8	4	21,41,02,580	15	4

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.	
Govt. Balance at Head Office	17,485	Increase
Do. at Branches ..	7,97,751	Do.
Other Deposits	7,96,013	Do.
Post Bills	1,57,601	Do.

ASSETS.

Bank's Investments	9,06,823	Increase
Loans	47,06,789	Do.
Accounts of Credit	4,46,899	Do.
Mercantile Bills	32,03,979	Do.
Cash at Head Office.....	74,97,717	Decrease
Do. at Branches.....	1,29,046	Increase

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 12th Sept., 1907, as compared with the statement of 7th Sept. 1907 :—

LIABILITIES.	Sept. 7. Rs.	Sept. 12. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	90,00,000	90,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	57,11,987	68,44,453
Public Deposits at Branches	43,51,816	44,85,803
Other Deposits.....	9,30,01,461	9,23,06,069
Post Bills	14,565	14,565
Sundries	18,97,476	19,44,886
Rs..	12,44,57,255	12,47,75,176
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,48,53,979	1,58,96,776
Other authorised Securities	22,14,915	21,46,806
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	1,30,41,603	1,27,85,435
Loans do. do.	1,57,39,394	1,55,84,961
Bills discounted and purchased	2,20,94,573	2,29,48,815
Dead Stock	3,29,535	3,29,536
Stamps	3,809	3,730
Bullion	5,28,482	4,80,000
Balances with other Banks.....	8,06,097	10,83,633
Sundries	1,41,162	1,42,346
Cash	5,31,10,781	5,06,96,339
	12,44,57,255	12,47,75,176

The Bombay Branch of the National Bank of India, Limited, has received a telegram from the London office giving the result of the Bank's working for the half year ended 30th June last as follows :—" Net Profit for the half year including sum brought forward amount to £248,022. The Directors have declared an adinterim dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. annum carrying forward to next account about £212,022."

IN reviewing the Annual Report of Government Gardens for the year 1906-07 the Mysore Government remark :—Government note with satisfaction the continued progress of the institutions under Mr. Cameron's care. The Lal Bagh continues to maintain its high position among the horticultural gardens in India, a result due in a large measure to Mr. Cameron's diligence and skill.

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EUROPE.

DEATH.

HEWETT—September 8, in England, Ottoeel G. L. K. Hewett, C B, late Bengal Staff Corps,

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CALVERT—September 7, at Simla, the wife of Captain R. T. O. Calvert, 129th Rajputana Infantry, of a daughter.

MACMILLAN—September 5, at Calcutta, 13, Russell Street, the wife of G. Walker MacMillan, ex-Registeor, K. G. Railway, (B. B. S. Ry.), of a son.

DEATHS.

BICKNELL—September 8, at Lahore, Florence Kathleen, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard W Bicknell, aged 13 days.

COLE—September 9, at Murree, Edith, the infant daughter of the Rev A B F and Mrs Cole, aged 1 hour.

JOHNSTOWN—September 6, at Debra Doon, Catharine Allen-Barrett (of Ballygarvan, Cork), the dearly loved wife of A Johnstone, of Rose Ville, 6, Rajpore Road, age 70 years.

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TO-DAY.

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Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company 9-30 p. m.—" The Niobe."

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Wednesday, September 18.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p. m. Gymkhana Mud Sports, 5-30 p. m. Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m.—"The Silver King," Morarjee Goculdas 8. and W. Co., Tamarind Lane, 4-30 p. m. Sun rises, 6-34a ; Low water, 6h. 27m. ; Sun sets, 6h. 40m. ; High water, 3-42m., 1-32m., 2-58a.

Thursday, September 19.—Bank Holiday. Jumna Ginning and Pressing Company, 7 Marine Street, 3-30 p.m. Gaiety Theatre: Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m.—"Two Little Vagabonds." Sun rises 6h. 27m. ; Sun sets, 6h. 39m. ; High water, 9-34m., 9-35a. Low water 2-45m., 3-45a.

Friday, September 20.—Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p. m.—" All of a Sudden Peggy." Sun rises, 6h. 27m. Sun sets, 6h. 36m. High water, 10-19m., 10-27a. Low water, 3-39m., 4 abeace.

Saturday, September 21.—Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Bank Street, Hensbaw's Buildings, 3 p. m. Cricket Bombay Gymkhana "A" and "B" Teams vs. Hindu Gymkhana and Mahomedan Cricket Club, respectively. Gaiety Theatre : Bandmann Comedy Company, 9-30 p.m.—"Leah Kleschna." Sun rises, 6h. 27 m.; Sun sets, 6h. 37m. ; High water, 11-0m., 11-14a. ; Low water, 4-26m., 5-4a.

Sunday, September 22.—17th Sunday after Trinity. Sun rises, 6h., 27m. ; Sun sets, 6h. 36m. High water, 11-38m., 11-58a. ; Low water, 4-26m., 5-4a.

Monday, September 23.—Sun rises, 6h. 27m., Sun sets, 6h. 36m. High water, 0-14a. ; Low water, 5-49m. 6-14a.

DRINK AND CRAMP.—The dead body of one Pesha Ghela, (35), was found floating in a well at Parel yesterday. It appeared that the deceased went to bathe in the well. He was then under the influence of liquor. In that state, he got cramp and could not swim and was drowned.

FRICTION AND FIRE.—Three cases of matches which were being landed yesterday from a cargo boat in the Prince's Dock, ignited whilst being lowered on to the wharf. The cause of the fire is attributed to friction. The fire was extinguished by a hose from the ship. The damage to the matches, which were of a German make, is estimated at Rs. 225.

"CAR-KILLED."—One Jyaswami K. Pillay was injured by an electric car, No. 12, at Hornby Road Bori Bunder, while he was trying to board the car which was in motion. He was removed to the G. T. Hospital where his left leg had to be amputated. But yesterday he died of the effects of the injuries.

OVERDOSE OF OPIUM.—Bhanji Jairam, a Hindu aged 22 years residing at Bora Bazaar Street had been suffering for some time past with pain in his stomach, head and other parts of the body. Yesterday he took an overdose of opium to relieve himself of his pain. As he grew worse he was removed to the G. T. Hospital, where he died shortly afterwards. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from an overdose of opium taken for medicinal purposes.

A LOST ARM.—A Hindu cooly, named Ganga Rama (23), was working cargo on the s.s. "Oolobaris" yesterday, when his "dhoti" got entangled into a which in motion. With difficulty he extricated his "dhoti," but at the expense of his right arm which got into the winch and before the machine could be stopped, the arm was taken of from the elbow. He was removed to the G. T. Hospital where he is detained for treatment.

A BACK-HANDED COMPLIMENT.—We are asked to publish the following :—A handsome Welcome Address was read to Mr. D. A. David, partner in the Firm of Messrs. A. H. Wheeler and Co., after his return from England. Special stress was laid on the fact that, although he was absent for nearly 5 months, his Bombay Office did not feel it much owing to their having an equally good adviser and devoted friend in the person of Mr. T. R. David, his cousin. The address was presented to him in a silver casket.

A SUPPOSED DEATH FROM DRINK.—The dead body of one Bikhajee Laxmon, a Hindu aged 50 years, who resided at Parel, was found yesterday in front of Improvement Trust Chawl No. 4 at Chandanwadi. From the police enquiries it appeared that the deceased went to see some of his friends in that Chawl the night previous, when he was drunk. A *post mortem* examination of the deceased showed several internal and external injuries which the Coroner's surgeon was of opnion could have been caused by a fall from a height. The Coroner's further enquiry is adjourned.

MUSIC AT THE TAJ MAHAL.—The following programme of music will be played at the Taj Mahal Hotel, under the direction of Mr. I. Salsinger to-day, from 8-15 to 10-15 p. m.

March.....	Through Night to Light.	...Lankien
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Valse	Beautiful Danube	Strauss
Serenade	To you !	Czibulka
Selection	The Thistle	Myddleton
Characteristic Piece	We play at Soldiers	Ellenberg
Valse	Florodora	Kiefert
Two-Step	Scandalous Eyes.....	C. Johnson

POSTAL NOTICES.—Specially superscribed correspondence for Singapore, China and Japan, per extra s.s. *Lecanze*, will be closed at the General Post Office at 1 p. m., on Tuesday the 17th instant.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa, per extra s.s. *Umlazi*, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m., on the 18th inst., instead of on the 16th inst. as previously notified. A supplement mail will also be closed at 7-30 p. m. on the 19th instant.—Specially superscribed correspondence for Ceylon, Singapore, China and Japan, per extra s. s. *Wahamiya Maru*, will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p. m. on the 17th instant. Parcel mails for Japan close at 3 p. m. on the same day.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beira and Delagoa Bay, per s. s. *Kaiser*, will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p. m. on the 19th instant. Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.

PRESENTATION AT WILSON COLLEGE.—In view of the departure for England of Mr. J. C. Coyaji, B. A., LL. B., Professor of Persian, Indian History and Political Economy at the Wilson College, who is about to prosecute higher studies in Political Economy at Cambridge, a gathering of the past and present students of the above College took place at the college premises on Thursday the 12th September, when the Rev. Dr. Scott, Ag. Principal of Wilson College presided. A handsome revolving desk containing a few standard works on Persian Literature, Indian History and Political Economy, was presented to the Library of Wilson College as a souvenir of his deep scholarship, his kindness towards his pupils and the great zeal with which he performed the duties of a Professor. Mr. M. B. Desai, a student, spoke a few words in praise of Professor Coyaji. He briefly went over his brilliant University career and said that his amiable disposition won for him the regard and esteem of his pupils. In conclusion he wished him a prosperous voyage and many brilliant successes at Cambridge. The Rev. Dr. Scott was then requested to unveil the desk. He dwelt in eloquent terms upon the brilliant talents of Professor Coyaji and observed that it was a matter of great pride that his College had been fortunate in availing itself of men

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THE IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A RECORD of the work accomplished by the Bombay Improvement Trust was published yesterday, which shows the uphill fight which was to be maintained by the Trust in the fulfilment of its mission. For the second year in succession the total capital expenditure fell considerably short of the Budget Estimate owing to the small number of properties it was found possible to acquire during the year. However it is shown that seventy different properties were acquired at a cost of upwards of eight lakhs of rupees, making a total of 1,258 at a cost of a crore and three quarters. More would have been done but that the Special Collector was unable to carry out any detailed surveys of properties required in connection with two schemes during the monsoon months and the late sanction received for other schemes projected. Work in the Engineering Department is shown to have been vigorously prosecuted and considerable progress made on various schemes indicated. Mention is made of the Gibbs Road which has given so much trouble owing to the treacherous nature of the soil, but it is satisfactory to know that special efforts are being directed to the subject and that within a short space of time the difficulties will most probably have been surmounted. It is recorded that the roads at the Colaba Reclamation Scheme have been completed, with the exception of one which it was lately determined to construct immediately to the north of the Panday Sanitarium, operations on which await the completion of a formal agreement with the Trustees of that Institution. In connection with the Mandvi-Koliwada Improvement Scheme the Chairman of the Trust announces with satisfaction that the Board was unable during the year to arrange with the Military Department of the Government of India for the lease of a large area forming part of the Pori Bunder Native Infantry Lines and the semi-permanent huts originally located on the Kennedy Sea Face were removed and re-erected at that site, where new huts are also to be erected and will bring the accommodation up to the requirements of 1,400 people. The number of persons provided for in the permanent and temporary chawls constructed in connection with Scheme III is set down as sufficient for fifteen thousand persons. Further schemes for police purposes made progress while one for Duncan Road has been deferred until after the rains. Sixty-four plots were leased during the year and there are now 253 of them representing a present rental of Rs. 4,07,310 and an ultimate rental of Rs. 4,76,818, plots based during the year representing a rental of Rs. 1,85,925. The report makes mention of the arrangement regarding the removal of the Government mews and Executive Engineer's Stores on the Hornby Road estate and the valuable plots which will thus be made available will shortly be placed on the market. A pleasing feature of the progress of the Trust's work is the remarkable absence of friction with religious bodies. During the year four settlements concerning temple properties were effected, In one, the temple of Vithoba Rakhmai, the Board has arranged to reinstate the temple on a site in the immediate neighbourhood. The Lingayet temple, believed to be the only one in Bombay, is similarly to be reinstated with the exception of the portion of the temple which contains the sacred Ling. This is to be left *in situ* in the centre of the road, which is to be widened so as to allow ample space on either side. The shrine will be surrounded by a raised stone footpath and will form an interesting feature in the scheme. The Temple of Maruti in the same scheme is to be replaced by a handsome structure on a prominent site in the scheme close-by and the temple of Mahadeo in Jamli street, a portion of which is required for street widening, will be refaced and added to at the rear to compensate for the area taken from the front.

THE HINDU FESTIVAL OF TOOLS OF LIVELIHOOD. THIS seems to be the month of native festivals, and those of Hindus, Parsis, and even Mahomedans, who are known to have comparatively few such in the year, crowd into the present few weeks. The last celebrated the vision of heaven which their prophet had, and they will hold a few days hence the festival of Sab-i-barat. The Parsis are having their festive season continuing for more than a fortnight which will close next Thursday with a festival commemorating the birth of their prophet. The Hindus have several festivals during the first half of this month, whilst the whole of the last fortnight will be taken up by their festival in honour of the *manes* of their dead. The present few days are devoted to an interesting festival in honour of Parvati, the consort of Shiva the god of destruction in the Hindu Trinity. She is also called by many other names, Gauri being one of them, and the present festival is from this name called Gauri festival. The Gujarat Hindus held this festival in honour of Gauri two months ago. But the Hindus of the Deccan and South India hold it now. The former also differ much from the latter in their celebration of it. The Gujaratis commemorate the taking of Gauri's only daughter Okha from her by Shiva and giving it to the childless Banasoor. We have narrated this legend two months ago on the occasion of their holding the festival of Gauri. The Southern Hindus pay attention rather to the mother than the daughter, and mould an image of Gauri in rice dough, place it in a shrine beautifully adorned, and then carry it during the present days through the streets. Gauri is the daughter of Himavat, king of the Himalaya mountains, and this name which means pale or yellow-faced, was her name as a maiden. Shiva, who is known for his mordse temper and austerity, was leading the severe life of an ascetic among the high Himalayas. Gauri once saw him in his mountain solitude, and resolved to captivate him and seduce him from his life as a rigorous devotee. She succeeded and married Shiva, and became the mother of Ganesh, the elephant-headed god whose festival fell the other day. The maiden Gauri came to be called Parvati, as she came down from the high Himalayas, where she was born, to be the spouse of Shiva; this word meaning literally "living in the mountains" or "pahar." She has also the reputation of seducing other holy ascetics from their rigorous ways of life, and whenever such devotees give up their resolution they are said to yield to the charms of Gauri or Parvati. But this festival of Gauri has a special significance for the Hindus of the Deccan and the South, which is well described by Dubois, who was intimate with them and studied their manners, customs and religion for thirty years, living in their midst as one of themselves. This feast, he says, is specially dedicated to the household gods which are represented by the implements, tools and utensils in common use amongst the people. The farmer collects his ploughs, his spades, his sickles, and places them in a heap on a spot carefully purified. He prostrates himself at full length before the various utensils of husbandry and offers them worship, after which he puts them back in their proper places. "The mason offers similar homage to his trowel and his square; the carpenter to his axe, his saw and his plane; the barber to his razor; the writer to his pen or *stilus*; the tailor to his scissors and needles; the shikari to his gun, the fisherman to his nets; the weaver to his loom; the butcher to his cleaver; and so on in the case of all artisans. The women, too, collect their baskets, winnows and rice-mills; in short all their household implements, and prostrate themselves before them, offering them homage in like manner. In a word, there is not a person who, during this solemn time, does not regard as so many deities the instruments with which he gains his livelihood." He prays that these instruments may continue to be useful to him in the future. The principle underlying this worship of tools is that it is necessary to pay honour to everything which is useful, a principle not essentially Hindu by any means. Every good artisan, whatever be his creed, pays honour to the tools by which he earns his livelihood, and shows this practically by keeping them bright and in good order. It is only an indifferent artist who neglects his tools. The Hindu artisan by worshipping his tools at this time of the year, has an excellent opportunity of periodically examining and renovating them. It is only professional work that he is doing in the name of religion, and amongst Hindus and the Orientals generally, religion has something to do with nearly all the acts of a man's life.

THE COMMONWEALTH. AUSTRALIA just now is suffering from the effects of a wave of dissatisfaction, from which we sincerely hope it will soon recover. Our Melbourne correspondent, in his letter this morning, explains the cause and indicates some of the most striking symptoms. There is open talk of agitation in favour of secession from the Federation in Western Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. As a Melbourne contemporary puts it, Western Australia and Tasmania claim to have suffered substantial losses in revenue owing to the translation of their erstwhile control of Customs to the Federal sphere; and, as the local Government of neither State has had the courage or the patriotism to make good the deficit by new economies or by direct taxation both alike are engaged in trying to conceal their neglect by agitating against Federation. New South Wales has a vastly different cause of complaint. Instead of being a loser she has prospered exceedingly under Federation in almost every department of human progress and activity. The Commonwealth Tariff has imparted an immense incentive to the commercial and industrial enterprise of her citizens. It has caused numerous manufactories to spring into existence, thus opening new avenues of employment and occupation to thousands of people; and it has, since its imposition, swelled the State revenue with an unexpected aggregate increment of between £5,000,000 and £6,000,000. But New South Wales cannot forget she is the Mother State. She welcomed Federation in the grossly selfish but pleasant anticipation that all the choicest sugar plums would fall immediately, as a matter of course, to her share. The permanent seat of Government was to be within her boundaries. She consequently looked for a definite increase of prestige and an indefinite increase of wayside pickings. Owing to her larger population she was rightfully accorded greater representation in the Federal Parliament than any other State, whence she confidently expected to exercise a predominant influence in national affairs. But in each of these cherished expectations she has been lamentably disappointed, and in each case absolutely through her own fault. She knows it, and the knowledge is as gall and wormwood to her parochial protagoniste, constantly inflaming their resentment, and urging them on to heap folly on folly, stupidity on stupidity. This is of course the Victorian aspect of the question. The ill-feeling which has sprung up will take sometime to subside, especially as the flame has been fanned by the conflict, to which our telegrams referred the other day and of which our correspondent, to-day, gives the details, concerning the seizure of wire-netting by the New South Wales State authorities after it had been detained by those of the Commonwealth. The powers conferred by the Federal Parliament, through the Customs Act of 1901 on the Minister of Customs, to enable him to deal with the grave emergency that has arisen, are of the fullest description. They are so wide and comprehensive that the Minister will be able, if he so desires, not only to punish those New South Wales officials who carried out the State Government' orders, but to imprison the Premier, Mr. Carruthers, himself, because he aided, abetted or counselled the offence committed against the law. The penalty for moving goods from the control of the customs is £100, but the penalty for molesting by force is five years' imprisonment, with or without hard labour. And it remains to be seen whether the Commonwealth authorities will take extreme measures. Our Melbourne correspondent shows us that in the opinion of some people Mr. Carruthers' action had its impulse in electioneering tactics, but whether that was so or not, it was an undoubted mistake and a most undignified proceeding. Nevertheless the situation is a critical one and the Colonial Office may have to be appealed to to assist in restoring quiet. The anticipations of Australian Colonists, who were promised many benefits as the outcome of federation, have not been realised and unless the solution of the problem is well engineered, the Commonwealth may come to an untimely end and Australia be again split up into half a dozen independent states, waging fiscal warfare against each other.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT. ANY lawyer who translates the strict spirit of the law will say that there is no such thing as imprisonment for debt in England. He will prove it conclusively by quoting the Act of 1869 "for the abolition of imprisonment for debt, for the punishment of fraudulent offenders and for other purposes." But in reality imprisonment for debt has never been abolished, and a prominent barrister at Home is only voicing the opinion of a large public in pleading that reform is necessary. No man can be sent to prison for debt, but when ordered to pay by the County Court if he fail to pay, he can be sent and, moreover, can be sent over and over again. The objections to the system are many. First, say the objectors, if a man cannot pay his debts, putting him in prison will not help him to do so. Next, if he can pay, but will not, he is probably so callous as to be able to tire out his creditors. Then, if he is honest, but unfortunate, prison is not the proper place for him. Lastly, if he is a scoundrel, he ought not to be allowed the privileges of a debtor's confinement, but should be put with ordinary prisoners. And, it is pointed out, it is possible that under the powers now vested in the judges, a debtor may go to gaol under any one of these personal conditions. Further, they contend that the punishment is really more severe than for offences of a much more heinous character. The ordinary prisoner expiates his offence by "doing his time." Not so the debtor. He may suffer the limit of imprisonment—six weeks—and his debt is not thereby wiped out, but remains as tangible and obtrusive as before. He has expurgated his contempt, not his debt. Moreover, they lay down the broad proposition that if a tradesman accept a risk he should be prepared to accept its consequences. But these are not all the adverse arguments. The lack of uniformity in the practice of the judges is pointed out. One of the chief reasons that objection is taken to the existing law is that it is most unevenly worked. In 1904 in a circuit comprising Nottingham, Doncaster, and Mansfield, nearly four times as many people were actually imprisoned as in the whole of London. But one would not care to lay it down from such figures that the Midland debtor is more dishonourable than the London debtor. Actually, imprisonment for debt, which is what literally occurs, is on the increase. In 1876 there were 4,228 cases, in 1886 there were 5,486, in 1896 there were 8,190 and last year there were 11,986 cases; so that the number has more than doubled in twenty years. When one remembers the condition of the old debtors' prisons one cannot say that there is a more dishonourable attitude amongst debtors to-day than before 1869. What seems more reasonable is to think that the Act of that year is becoming obsolete and needs revision. Parliament agreed with Mr. Pickersgill in March last that the present powers of committing to prison for non-payment of debt ought to be further restricted. The matter seems likely to form the subject of investigation by a Select Committee and though there is no need to be excessively lenient to debtors as a body, yet the present state of affairs cannot be deemed satisfactory and it should not be necessary to seek far to find an improvement for the law.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM AND THE PUBLIC. IT is hardly flattering to our national self-esteem to learn that the number of visitors to the British Museum shows a continuous falling off and that last year the reduction, as compared with 1906, amounted to the enormous total of 122,000. There is, however, one piece of consolation; more guide books are sold than was formerly the case, showing that although fewer people now enter the portals of the famous building in the British Isles, the proportion who go for real instruction is probably greater. Curiously enough the number of people who have used the Reading Room, for which privilege a special ticket is needed, also diminished during 1906 and to the extent of 2,000. The Director in his report speaks of those who frequent the Reading Room as students, and no doubt that is true of the majority, but there is or, at any rate, was a few years ago a minority who were mere loafers. Some of them seemed as if they spent their nights in a casual ward and their days at the British Museum. Our London correspondent says he has often wondered how these people ever got tickets. Perhaps they received them before they fell on evil days. Certainly their appearance was in various ways sad and gave furiously to think. Besides literary people and young persons studying for the learned professions some of the habitues are copyists, and they must have a difficulty in making both ends ment. It may be interesting to add that the recent gifts to the museum have included collections of Tibetan books, manuscripts and temple pictures from the Government of India who also presented collections of Tibetan insects—not of all Tibetan insects we hope!—to the Natural History museum which, for some extraordinary reason, is regarded as a branch of the Bloomsbury institution, though surely it ought to be a separate establishment. We think this was conclusively proved during the friction which led to the apparently dead set against its distinguished curator, Professor Ray Lankester, whose enforced and, as it seemed to outsiders, quite unnecessary retirement has lately been, to some extent, atoned for by his being made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. If Mr. Morley and his co-trustees were to start a variety show at the British Museum, the number of visitors would increase. Where one Cockney—it is a melancholy reflection—knows his British Museum, a hundred Cockneys know their favourite music-hall.

THE P. and O. Company s.s. *Peninsular* with the outward Mails of the 6th instant left Aden at 3 p. m. on Sunday, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 6 a. m. on Friday next.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer *Totomi Maru* arrived at Hongkong on the 15th instant.

CHAPTERS V and VI of our new Serial Story, "Scarlet Town," by Alice and Claude Askew, will be found on page 6 of to-day's issue.

THE homeward bound Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. *Ville de la Ciotat*, from Bombay, arrived at Suez on Sunday the 15th instant at 1 a. m.

THERE is rumour that the Marwaries of Calcutta will join hands with the Bengalees on the approaching "lucky day" in a vigorous Swadeshi campaign.

THE Marriage arranged between Captain I. H. M. Davie, 34th Poona Horse, and Gladys Auriol, elder daughter of Mr. Evelyn Gray, I.C.S. (retired), of 25 Collingham-Place, London, S. W., will take place at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, on the 21st October.

THE Tramcar service connections with the O. and R. Railway in Cawnpore is, we are informed, now in full working order and is giving general satisfaction. The service connections with the E. I. Railway have been a great convenience to the public and it is probable that the service to the O. and R. Railway will be one better.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

A POLITICAL SENSATION.

State vs. Federation.

THE WIRE-NETTING INCIDENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, SEPT. 2.

The New South Wales State Premier's latest anti-Federal move has been to openly defy the customs and seize a quantity of wire-netting which was subject to duty under the new tariff. The affair has a very theatrical aspect, and the general opinion is that it is purely an electioneering dodge on the part of Mr. Carruthers has for some time past resented the interference of the Federal Government in many matters, but very little notice has been taken of his threats, and no harm would have been done had he confined himself to that course. His action to-day, however, places a different complexion on his opposition, and the seriousness of the situation has scarcely been realised by most people in the humor of the surroundings. Since the new tariff was announced Mr. Carruthers has been disputing the right of the Federal Government to levy duty on certain wire-netting imported by the Government for the use of farmers, and to-day he issued instructions through the Crown law officers for a quantity of this commodity which had been landed at a wharf at Darling Harbour to be transferred to the Government stores at Pyrmont. About 1 o'clock yesterday a number of carders employed by a city firm proceeded to Darling Island, with the intention of carrying these instruction into effect. They were accompanied by a force of police under Superintendent Mitchell, and they met there (Crown Law Office) Mr. Curtis and Mr. Berekelman, of the Stores Department. There was a large quantity of netting on the wharf, and the labourers set to work with a will to load lories with it, much to the chagrin of the customs officer present. At 4-30 p.m. upwards of 1,500 rolls had been removed, and there was then about 150 still to be shifted. While the work was in progress the customs officials were communicated with, and it is understood word was conveyed by telegram and telephone to the head of the department in Melbourne, who in turn instructed the responsible officers in Sydney to prevent the removal of any material. In this the local people were not successful, as the police prevented any interference. About 5 o'clock, however, Mr. Baxter, Acting Collector of Customs, arrived on the scene with about 150 employes, and they took up a position on the remaining stock, and proceeded with the work of reclamation. The situation was a novel and an exceedingly amusing one, and the crowd of on lookers, gradually gaining in volume, sharpened its wits at the expense of the customs hands. In this way about 150 bundles were rescued, and at 6 o'clock the whole of the netting that was in sight when the customs officers arrived was safely stowed away. A Crown law officer stated that he acted under a judgment delivered by the Supreme Court about four years ago, which set out, *inter alia*, "that Crown property was not liable to duty." At the same time he thought that the Premier should have paid the duty under protest and appealed.

"AUSTRALIA IN THE HANDS OF TYRANTS."

Mr. Carruthers, addressing his constituents at Sydney last night, said that he had determined that the defiance of State rights on the part of the Commonwealth should continue no longer. He had taken action which had struck consternation into the hearts of Federal tyrants, and he wanted it to be clearly understood that this action was neither the beginning nor the end. It was but the keynote of the agitation that would be started, and he would go on to the finish. It meant that they were telling Victoria, and the rest of Australia as well, that New South Wales would not tolerate deceit, breaches of honour and faith, and denial of their just rights, any longer. Australia was now in the hands of tyrants, and not representatives of the people, and if a referendum were taken it would be found that a vast majority of electors of this State were on his side. The Federal Government might appeal to the law Courts, but there was a higher power—the will of the people—to which he was going to appeal in a direct way, to end or mend the intolerable state of affairs in New South Wales. It was no vain threat that he uttered. If election day gave him a majority,—as he felt sure it would—he would, without delay, take a referendum on three special questions, as follows:—(1.) Are you in favour of acceding to Federal demands in respect of the capital site? (2.) Are you in favour of an equivalent to the Braddon clause as a permanent provision relating to Federal and State politics? And (3.) Should this State accept the Commonwealth as now constituted and administered, or take measures to secure a more liberal and just constitution? If the answer to the last question should be "No," he would take it as a warrant that would strengthen his hands for the purpose of getting for New South Wales and Australia a more liberal constitution, and better administation of it in the interests of good government and peace and the welfare of the whole of these States. No Government could exist for a day in the British Empire that was not broadly based on the will of the people. When Sir William Lyne and other traitors knew that they represented an insignificant minority of the people of New South Wales, they would have to commence to climb down, and put their House in order. This State had plenty of friends in Queensland, Tasmania, and Western Australia, and, if with a majority in the four States and with what would at least be a substantial minority in the other two, South Australia and Victoria, they could not get what they wanted, then they would have lost the instinct of self-government inherent in their race. If they let this trouble, which was caused by a few men, who had captured power, and gone behind the backs of the people to effect their purpose, go on in future, they would have to think of revolution, or something of the kind to put an end to it.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND THE FEDERAL TARIFF.

The Joint Committee, appointed by both branches of the State Legislature to frame a remonstrance in accordance with the resolutions passed in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council on August 27 and 28, respectively, protesting against the imposition of the new Federal tariff, met at Parliament House yesterday. The Committee consisted of the Colonial Secretary Mr. Connolly and Messrs. Randell, Moss, Pennefather, and Sholl (Legislative Council) and the Premier Mr. N. J. Moore and, Messrs. Daglish Walker, Bath, and Piesse Legislative Assembly. When the proceedings in the Legislative Council were resumed after the dinner hour, the Colonial Secretary intimated that he had received the report of the Committee and he moved that it should be read. The motion having been agreed to the remonstrance to the Federal Parliament was read as follows :—

Gentlemen,—We, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the State of Western Australia, in Parliament assembled, in pursuance of a Resolution passed by our respective Houses on the 27th and 28th instant, which is as follows :—That as in the opinion of this House the proposed Federal tariff would most injuriously affect the primary industries of Western Australia, and would subject the State to a period of depression fraught with the greatest danger to her existence, we venture respectfully to address you with the object of bringing under your notice that the new tariff, if passed in its present form, will operate most harshly upon the People the commerce, and the industries of this State. We are convinced—(a) That the ordinary requirements, of the people, including many articles of food and clothing, will be made dearer, either by the added duty, or by the enchanced prices which the vendors will be enabled to impose. (b) That the great mining industry of this State will suffer most materially by the almost prohibitive duty imposed on machinery. (c) That the agricultural and pastoral industries will also be very prejudicially affected by the increased duties on commodities necessary therefor. (d) That many of the other industries of this State may be compelled to curtail, if not to suspend, operations. (e) That the purchasing power of wages will be diminished, avenues of labour will be closed, the number of our unemployed will be increased, and both workers and tradesmen in our midst must severely suffer. We leave it to the representatives of this State in your House to indicate in detail the items which will produce the results above mentioned. We desire to remind you that we represent a State which forms an integral part of the Commonwealth, and covers more than one-third of the total area of the combined States of Australia. A large portion of the State territory is at present undeveloped and its future development and progress depend largely on the increase of population and the expansion of its industries. Respectfully we record our protest against a tariff so calculated to injure Western Australia, which has already made so many and such great sacrifices in the interest of Australian nationhood."

The following Resolution was agreed to on the motion of the Colonial Secretary:—"That the address to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, in the form recommended by the Committee, be agreed to, and that the President be authorised, in conjunction with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to present the same to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that it be forwarded through the proper channel to the Senate and the House of Representatives."

VICTORIA AND THE FEDERAL TARIFF.

As most of the party leaders have already spoken, but little interest will attach to the remainder of the fiscal debate. Up to the present not one single member has supported the Government's proposals. It must have come as a severe shock to Ministers to hear Mr. Storrer declare his intention of voting against some of the principal items, as this gentleman was considered to be one of their most stalwart supporters. Sir Wm. Lyne talks of what he will do if his tariff scheme is much altered, but it is expected that he will alter his tone when the House gets to work on the items, and that he will accept the decision of members without a murmur. There is a feeling, however, that the public must not except a moderate rate of duties. The protectionist majority was surprised by the extreme view taken by the Government of what the situation demanded, but at the same time they will vote solidly for stiff duties. The recommendations of the protectionist section of the Tariff Commission may be taken as the high-water mark of the tariff as it will be sent to the Senate.

Judging by the constant passages-at-arms between Sir Wm. Lyne and Sir John Forrest, the relations between these two gentlemen in the Cabinet must have been greatly strained. The member for Swan loses no opportunity of attacking the Treasurer, and the Minister replies in equally pugnacious terms. With Mr. Deakin away, the extent to which Sir Wm. Lyne rules the Cabinet is amazing. To put it tersely, Sir Wm. Lyne is the Cabinet for all of his colleagues who blindly follow his lead. While Sir John Forrest was there Sir Wm. Lyne could not do as he liked, but now his sway is as unquestioned as it is absolute The Barton Cabinet was full of captains. Mr. Deakin also had strong men with him at first, whilst the Reid Ministry included some of the ablest men in Australia. Mr. Watson was at the head of a Ministry in which he was the best, though his party was represente', and all this has now come to a one man Ministry. Of course, when Mr. Deakin returns all this may be changed, and Sir Wm. Lyne will take a back seat, but every day that the Prime Minister stays away the more does Sir Wm. Lyne predominate in his immediate surroundings.

DISCONTENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The feeling in Western Australia may be gathered for the following remarks made at Perth by Mr. C. J. Le Mesurier. He stated that they were all agreed that Federation had crippled the industries of the State, and retarded prosperity in every direction. The question which confronted them was the most effective way of carrying into effect their wishes to improve the situation. It seemed to him that they were only wasting time in passing resolutions condemning the tariff to be sent on to the Federal authorities who were not in sympathy with Western Australia. Although such resolutions might have some effect in modifying the tariff, they would have no real effect in relieving the State of the trouble which had been brought about as a result of Federation. The Commonwealth had taken from the State little by little its powers of self-government, and was gradually destroying and crippling its industries. Therefore, it was their duty to take some clear and decisive action in the matter, and they could only do that by adopting a suggestion such as they had placed before the Mayor that morning. They wanted the people to work together as a whole, and they wanted a leader to take the initiative in the movement, which was burning underneath their feet, and which only needed someone to fan it into flame. Now they asked Mr. Stubbs to be their leader, because they knew he had sympathy with the movement, and that his influence was all powerful.

THE DINGO.

The wild dog is less in evidence on the northern runs than usual, save under extraordinary conditions of much surface water enabling it to travel further afield. It seems an extraordinary circumstance that legislators should have foreseen the arrival of his colleague, the fox, as inevitable. When framing laws to deal with the dingo in the early days of the Colony, the fox was actually included in the catalogue of vermin singled out for destruction. As this Act was framed many years before the appearance of the first fox imported into Australia, the Legislature of the period must have been endowed with much more foresight than many of its successors, or even than the present representative body. The honor of establishing the fox in Australia has very properly been attributed to Victoria. Certain sporting enthusiasts in the western district of that State gave the finishing touch to the needs of their pack of hounds by sending for foxes. How they have since spread is a matter of history, which can only find a counterpart in the rabbit and the sparrow.

DATE PALM CULTIVATION.

The date palm has come into request for experimental purposes in connection with artesian water in Western Queensland, and this State has been asked to send forward supplies from the Lake Harry plantation. This picturesque tree, with its life-sustaining and dainty fruit, is so historic as to require but passing mention as to its merits in desert life. The oasis in the desert, the shade of the palm, and the fruit thereof, the Arab steed and the camel, have long been made familiar to us all by all classes of poets, save the bush specimen. He has never yet gone into rhapsodies over the few plantations which may have come to notice in this State. The waters, with the aid of which these palms are expected to grow, are so heavily charged with magnesia and soda as to be of a harmful nature to any plant life. Moisture will cause some plants and trees to make headway until the soil becomes saturated with soda, etc., but when that point is reached trouble commences. The Hergott plantation is for this reason not quite so formidable an object lesson as it was once hoped might be the case. The wayfarer and the bushman who painted fancy mental pictures of the delights of having a good time and the use of their teeth in these plantations have met with much disappointment. It ook a long time to discover the habits of the date palm, the difference between the male and female, and the right sort of female to cultivate. Now that these details have been correctly sorted out, it has been made obvious that few of the best artesian supplies in this State, such as those at the Coward, Strangways, and Dalhousie, are of any use to grow anything except a peculiar rank growth of rushes. Great experiments were made years ago by the Lutheran missionaries on the Finke to establish the date-palm in their gardens on the bank of the river. Few—and very few only—have survived to make any sort of display. The rest went under, owing to the exacting influences of brackish water. Theoretically, the date palm is a huge success in this State; practically, it will be of small moment, until the world is a few centuries older.

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ANOTHER effort in the direction of Volunteer revival in Calcutta is being made under the auspices of Lieutenant-Colonel W. T. Grice. The present object is the revival of A Company, which was the Company that seceded in the early eighties from the 1st Battalion, Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, and became the nucleus of the Calcutta Light Horse. Colonel Grice proposes that the new Company shall be composed of Europeans only, and be recruited from the Banks and mercantile offices.

As will be seen from our advertising columns the West Nawagarh Coal Co., Ltd., issues a prospectus, the capital being Rs. 3,00,000 divided into 30,000 shares of Rs. 10 each. This Company has been formed to acquire from the present holder and work on a 999 years lease, the coal in 300 biggahs of rich coal land in the Mouzah Nudkhurkee in the sub-district of Govindpur District, Manbhum, on the East Indian Railway. It contains seven seams of coal up to No. 15 of the Jherriah series and most of these seams, including Nos. 12 and 13, run through the 300 biggahs. It is estimated that the 300 biggahs contain over 75 lakhs of tons of coal after allowing for waste pillars, etc., and that it would take quite fifty years to win all the coal in the property, working at high pressure. The Company's property has the advantage of the use of both the E. I. Railway and the B. N. Railway Company's service.

*By Telegraph to Perth, W. A.

THE TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

MULAI-HAFID PROCEEDS TO RABAT.

Armistice Prolonged.

TRIBESMEN FAVOUR PEACE.

GUN-PRACTICE CAUSES PANIC.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 15.

The Sultan has left Fez for Rabat, where he is expected to arrive on 21st September.

It is reported that Mulai-Hafid is also going to Rabat with thirty thousand followers.

General Drude reports that the armistice has been prolonged for twenty-four hours at the request of the tribesmen, the majority of whom are in favour of peace.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Sultan of Morocco is accompanied to Rabat by ten thousand followers.

LATER.

M. Regnault, the French Minister at Tangier, has arrived at Casablanca in order to consult with General Drude.

The gun practice at Mazagan on the 13th instant, aboard the "Conde" caused a panic in the town and people rushed into the Mosque, many being trampled upon in the confusion.

The Consuls protested to the French Consul against the "Conde" not giving previous warning.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA.

Official Enquiry Started.

A LIKELY RESTRICTION.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

Mr. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, has left Ottowa for Vancouver, to investigate the whole position in regard to Oriental Immigration.

The Japanese Commissioner Ishii, has arrived at Ottawa, and will confer with the Government to-day.

LATER.

Mr. Templeman, the Dominion Minister for Inland Revenue, speaking at Victoria, strongly advocated admitting into Canada only those immigrants likely by assimilation of intermarriage to assist to build up an homogenous population.

THREATENED RAILWAY STRIKE.

Companies Ignore the Society.

HEAVY FALL IN RAILWAY STOCKS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Executive of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants will take a ballot among its members on the question of a general strike, which the Executive strongly recommends.

The ballot papers are returnable on October 28, and a decision is expected on November 1st.

The crux of the crisis is the absolute refusal of the bulk of Companies to recognize the Society in negotiations with their employés with reference to demands made by the latter.

Large and enthusiastic meetings, held at Manchester, Peterborough, Crewe, Derby, and other centres last evening, supported the Executive.

LATER.

Railway Stocks have fallen from 20s to 60s since Thursday.

The Amalgamated Society of Railwaymen embraces only 97,000 Railwaymen out of 257,653 men eligible for membership, but the Society at present is increasing by 1,000 weekly.

THE NEW ARMY SCHEME.

County Associations.

MODEL SCHEME PUBLISHED.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

The War Office has issued directions to the Lord-Lieutenants with a view to the formation of County Associations. The directions are accompanied by a model scheme, and any amendments to this, with a view to meeting local circumstances, will be considered by a small committee over which Lord Esher will preside.

ASSASSINATION IN RUSSIA.

The Treatment of Political Prisoners.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Governor of the Akatui prison in Siberia, who was home on leave, has been shot dead at Pekoff.

An excited debate took place in the last Duma, regarding the alleged ill-treatment of political prisoners at Akatui.

THE AMERICA CUP.

Defender Designed.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 15.

Herreshoff has completed the preliminary designs for a ninety-footer to defend the America Cup.

The extreme features of former defenders have been abandoned.

THE ABYSSINIAN MISSION.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 15.

The Abyssinian Mission has arrived in Vienna from Dresden.

An interesting attempt is being made in the south of France, bordering upon the Mediterranean, to cultivate the camphor tree. It is believed that the climatic conditions are such as will enable the extraction of camphor to be remunerative. At present, the world's stock comes almost entirely from Formosa.

THE IRISH TACTICS.

More Home Rulers Wanted in the House.

FURTHER CATTLE DRIVES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16.

Mr. Redmond, speaking at Longford, said that a little imprisonment was nothing to Irishmen fighting for their country's freedom. His party, he said, meant to make English Government in Ireland impossible. Their immediate object was, he continued, to hasten a General Election and send Liberals to Parliament with a full Home Rule Programme.

The Chairman of the Meeting announced, amid cheers, that despite additional police, the previous night there had been a further cattle drive on a farm which was the scene of the recent raid for which Farrell had been arrested

TRAIN SMASH IN AMERICA.

Many Killed and Injured.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 15.

The Quebec-Boston Express collided with a goods train.

Seventeen people were killed and forty injured.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, SEPTEMBER 15.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. *Peninsular*, with the English mails of the 6th instant, left here for Bombay at 3 p.m. to-day, and the same Company's s.s. *Mooltan* left for Colombo and Australia also at 3 p.m. to-day.

BICYCLE THEFTS IN CAWNPORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, SEPTEMBER 16.

Bicycle thefts have been rather frequent, of late, here, and evidently the work of a well-organised band who have been operating all the way from Delhi visiting *en route* the intervening stations. Cawnpore has lately come in for attention, and it is believed that a European named Kelly, who has been seen knocking about the railway lines, is the chief member of the band, and whose description was given not long ago. Of stolen machines, 3 have been traced to a local shop-keeper who bought them at most absurd prices, but of Kelly there is no trace.

A Punjabee, supposed to be deranged, has been seen lately prowling about various parts of the town, both the Civil lines and Cantonments, begging for alms. Some suspicion has been aroused regarding the man who is suspected of being one of the gentry who are relieving people of their bikes.

The thieving epidemic in Cawnpore continues unabated.

SHOCKING MURDERS BY A EUROPEAN.

Shoots His Two Children and Commits Suicide.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 16.

Captain O. J. Smiles formerly of the 16th Lancers, who was employed here under the Municipal Corporation, shot his two children—a girl aged 10 and an infant boy,—early this morning, and two hours later on the approach of the police shot himself. All the three shots had fatal effect. Smiles rose from the ranks and was a pensioner. His mind was apparently unhinged by financial troubles, a warrant being out for his arrest, and also by the loss of his wife who died about a month ago.

NEWS AGENCY TELEGRAMS TO GOVERNMENT.

Placed at the Disposal of the Press.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 16.

The News Agency Telegrams supplied by Mr. Everard Cotes to the Government of India are now being placed upon the Press table, one day after issue. They thus continue to be confidential for so long as is necessary to protect their news value.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY—ARRIVALS SEPTEMBER 16.—Davis, Capt S. and T. Corps., on leave, from Karachi.
Reed, Capt. R.A.M.C., from leave, from England.
Beadle, Lt. 46th Punj. on leave, from Sehore.
Bhathena, Lt I.M.S., on duty, from England.
Nicholson, Major S. and T. Corps, on duty, from Poona.
Dickson, Major, S. and T. Corps, on duty, from Poona.
Short, Capt. R. F. A., on duty, from England.
Beaumont, Lt. 60th Rifles on leave, from Saugor.
Lane, Capt. Ord. I. Dept. from leave, from England.
Lang, Major, 5th Cavalry, from leave from England.
Rimington, Brig.-Genl. C. Brigade., on duty, from England.
Graham, Capt. I.M.S., from leave, fromEngland.
Roberts Lt. A. V. C., I.M.S., from leave from England.
Willett, Major R.G.A. from leave from England.
Green, Lt. Fusiliers, from leave, from England.
Montreen, Capt. R. F. A. on duty, from Agra.

DEPARTURES SEPTEMBER 16.—Montreen, Capt. R.F.A., on duty, to England.
Ravanagh, Col. 10th Hussars, on leave to England
Robert's Lt. A. V. C., on duty, to Nagpur.
Graham, Capt. I.M.S., on duty to Lucknow.
Crawford, Capt. R. G. A., on duty to England.
Short, Capt. R.F.A., on duty, to St. Thomas Mount.
Nicholson, Major, S. and T. C. on leave, to England.
Reed, Capt. R.A.M.C., on duty, to Saugor.

MADRAS BOARD OF REVENUE.

No Reduction in Members.

It is understood that the Secretary of State has agreed that there should be no reduction in the number of the Members of the Madras Board of Revenue. This sets at rest a question of considerable importance in the Southern Presidency since the four Members of the Madras Board of Revenue are none too many for dealing with the multifarious revenue questions that arise in a Government which (unlike that of Bengal where two Members suffice) has no Commissioners to assist the central administration.

MAHOMEDAN POLITICAL PROBLEM.

Views of an ex-Judge.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Hon'ble Mian Muhammadshah Din, late Judge of the Punjab Chief Court, in the course of a weighty communication on the present political position of the Muhammadans, to the *Civil and Military Gazette*, writes :—"Muhammadan leaders have recently been endeavouring to chalk out a definite line of political action for themselves for a variety of seasons into which it is needless to enter. The political attitude of the Muhammadans has in past years been mainly one of studied aloofness from the Congress, having originated in the belief that its teachings were in various ways in conflict with important Muhammadan interests and were in dangerously advance of the political needs of the day. That attitude was, on the whole, productive of much practical good, though in course of time it brought on the inevitable result that the lack of organization and the consequent want of exercise of the political Judgment, which such a passive attitude necessarily involved unfitted the community for taking definite and well-considered action in time of need, and the disintegration which followed afforded cause for grave anxiety.

"While on the one hand the vocal sections of the population skilfully led by the Congress, persistently demanded and obtained a hearing from the authorities, resulting in now and then a sop being thrown to Cerberus, the Muhammedans, on the other hand, gradually ceased to be regarded as a factor which had to be reckoned with in practical Indian politics, and their silent patience came to be construed into opulent contentment with their environment. Muffled complaints were heard on all sides in the community of misplaced reliance upon the sense of justice of the Rulers in the land, and the partial success of the pushful and demonstrative Congress politician was often cited as an argument in favour of the need, for adoption by the Mahomedan leaders, of a policy of organised self-assertion. Ardent youth, borne upon strong under-currents of dissatisfaction with the frigid policy of political inaction, was on the point of breaking away from its mooring with little heed for the consequences that might follow.

"Meanwhile the march of events was as rapid as it was starting. The demand for a new departure, necessiated as it was by the change of times, grew louder and louder and the community awoke, as with a start, from its slumbers.

"The result was the careful consideration and adoption by leading Mahomedans, all over India, of a definite plan of concerted action of which the first outcome was the great Muhammadan Deputation which waited upon the Viceroy at Simla on October 1st 1906. That deputation marked the dawn of a new era for the Indian Muhammadans and the Address which was presented by that representative assemblage embodies, in unequivocal terms, some of the leading principles which underlie Muhammadan politics in India and which serve to distinguish the essential character of the Muhammadan attitude towards British domination from that adopted by Hindu politicians of the Congress school.

"Upon the bases of those principles will soon be built the modest fabric of a Central Muhammadan Political Organisation which though it will proceed upon lines entirely in harmony with the expansive needs of the age and with the spirit of modern advance, will yet be the pivot and centre of an enlightened and genuine loyalty to the British cause in this country.

The generous candour and sincerity of purpose so magnanimously shown by Lord Minto in his weighty reply to the Muhammadan representation and his subsequent action in some respects in the spirit of that reply, have greatly facilitated the solution of the Muhammadan problem in India, and happily there are visible abundant signs which serve to indicate that the bonds of sympathy between the Indian Muhammadans and their English rulers are being drawn closer together and that the former may be better able than before to strengthen the hands and lighten the task of the latter."

ANNUAL BALL AT THE POONA CLUB.

A Successful Function.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Annual Ball, at the Club of Western India which is regarded as one of the chief social functions of Poona season, came off to-night. The Club presented a very lively scene, filled as it was with pretty frocks and prettier faces.

Owing to domestic bereavement H. E. the Governor did not attend, but his place and that of Mrs. Muir Mackenzie were filled by Sir Steyning and Lady Edgerley.

The decorations of the ball-room were described by the ladies as really lovely. The walls and centre were festooned with roses in the heart of which were electric jets, while a dozen large electric fans whirled the tropical atmosphere away. The baskets of wild asparagus and trailing geraniums in the centre looked very pretty.

The band of the East Lancashire regiment provided the music to the programme of twenty dances.

The main portions of a wholly recherche supper came straight from Benoist in Piccadilly and some of the enterements from Blizzards, Oxford street.

All Poona society attended the Ball which was universally voted a great success thanks to the exertions of Major Morris the Secretary who is a perfect master hand at these sort of things.

A CURIOUS ACCIDENT.

Loaded Trucks Overshoot the Pier.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 16.

A curious accident took place last Friday at the Merewether Pier. Some trucks full of cargo for the "Newby Hall" which were being shunted overran the pier head and fell into the water bringing down with them a considerable portion of the pier. The damage will not be repaired as the pier is to be dismantled for wharf extensions, the heavy crane having already been taken down. There will be much difficulty in recovering the trucks.

DOG-CART ACCIDENT.

Two Ladies in Danger.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, SEPTEMBER 16.

Two European ladies, Mrs Keogh and her mother, had a marvellous escape from a serious trap accident last evening. While coming down the slope the horse, being driven by the elder lady, shied and bolted furiously.

The lady who was driving was thrown out, one foot getting entangled in the spokes of the wheel, while the other foot got underneath the other wheel. Fortunately the horse came to a dead halt almost simultaneously which saved the lady from being dragged along, leading eventually to terrible results. Excepting severe bruises no serious injuries were sustained.

The trap was badly damaged the shafts being battered out of all shape.

HON'BLE MR. FINNEY'S FAREWELL PARTY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 16.

Some of the leading Native gentlemen of Lahore are giving an evening party in the Town Hall grounds at Lahore on Thursday, the 19th instant, to bid farewell to the Hon'ble Mr. Stephen Finney, C.I.E., on his retirement from the management of the North-Western Railway.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

Regulating Land Warfare.

A PRELIMINARY DECLARATION.

(FROM AUSTRALIAN PAPERS.)

London, September 1.—The committee of The Hague Conference charged with the consideration of the question of land warfare, has adopted the French proposals for regulating the opening of hostilities.

These provide for an unmistakable preliminary warning by means of a reasoned declaration of war, or a conditional ultimatum. They further stipulate that neutrals must be promptly notified that a state of war exists.

The establishment of a permanent Court of Arbitration, and a Prize Court, with a judiciary distributed among the Powers on some scale of national importance, is encountering determined opposition from the minor States, especially the South American Republics.

French Naval Episode.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A MICROPHONE.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Cherbourg states that great excitement has been created at that port by the disappearance of a microphone which was moored off the harbour.

The microphone was intended to report the presence of hostile ships in war time. It is thought that a foreign vessel knowing the position of the apparatus took it away at night time.

Transvaal.

EMIGRATION OF INDIANS.

The Indians in the Transvaal have addressed a petition to King Edward asking him to disallow the Indian Emigration Bill, which permits the deportation of "passive resisters" of the object aimed at by the legislation.

The petitioners ask to be compensated out of the Imperial Exchequer if it is impossible to disallow the Bill.

Roumania.

THE RECENT REVOLT.

King Charles of Roumania has amnestied 8,000 of his subjects who were concerned in the recent revolt.

His Majesty has refused to pardon two hundred priests, officers, and murderers.

Australian Produce.

THE BUTTER MARKET.

TRADE PROSPECTS.

Messrs. Wejel and Co., in their "Annual Produce Review," insist on the necessity for the compulsory grading of Australian butter, such as is given to New Zealand produce, and the choice of selling forward or consigning.

They suggest that New Zealand should increase the marks awarded for flavour to 70, and that those for texture, colour, and get-up should be reduced to 20, since portion of the first grade butter is really second grade owing to faulty flavour.

There is, states the "Review," every indication that large supplies of butter will be available during the coming winter, but trade is so prosperous that the consumption is certain to be well maintained. Considerably lower prices are expected for butter and cheese than in 1907.

THE ARBUTHNOT TRIAL.

Cross-examination of Mr. Peebles.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 16.

In the Arbuthnot case to-day Mr. Peebles was cross-examined at length by Mr. Powell regarding the alteration in the entry of 31st March in the Industrials' current account with Arbuthnots, the credit being transferred to the especial account.

Witness stated that the totals of the account subsequent to this date had all been altered over a number of pages.

Witness continued :—The rupees 5 lakhs that we are dealing with was applied towards the liquidation of the Chittavalsa and Cement loan. The usual course was that there would be no debit slip showing the disbursement, but there would be an entry into Industrials' book. Supposing the sum of Rs. 5 lakhs is being disbursed by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. on behalf of the Industrials, there would be a debit slip, but if it was disbursed by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company in behalf of the Chittavalsa and Cement Companies, there would still be a debit slip on behalf of those companies. No debit slip was prepared debiting the Industrials with this 5 lakhs that I know of.

Q. This Rs. 5 lakhs appears in the pass book to the credit of the Industrials on 31st December ?

A. Yes, I believe so.

Q. Under whose instructions was that entry made ?

A. Mine.

Q. If this Rs. 5 lakhs was not live credt would it be proper to enter it in this pass book ?

A. As an accountant, I say No.

Q. At that time you know it was not a live credit ?

A. Yes.

Q. Why did you allow that entry to be made in the pass book ?

A. Because I understood I was told to do so.

Q. At any rate the entry in the pass book was made under directions from Sir Geoage Arbuthnot ?

A. Yes.

Q. Was the balance sheet of 1905 of the Industrials prepared under your supervision ?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that balance sheet signed by Sir George Arbuthnot as Managing Agent of the Industrials?

A. Yes.

Q. In that balance sheet cash is showu as Rs. 5,65,000 ?

A. Yes.

Q. That includes Rs. 5 lakhs promissory note?

A. Yes.

Q. If it was not live credit it would be wrong to treat it as cash in the balance sheet ?

A. Yes.

Q. If you knew it was not live credit why did you put it as cash ?

A. Because I understood I was told to do so ; if I was wrong I made a mistake,

Q. You were told by Sir George to enter it as cash ?

A, No, I was not. I was told by him to enter it into the accounts. The balance sheet would only be made up from the accounts.

Q. Who told you to enter "Cash with bankers to meet the cost of further extensions, Rs. 3 lakhs ?"

A. Sir George gave those figures to me about extensions.

Cross-examination of Mr Peebles lasted till the evening when Mr Norton began his re-examination which had not concluded when the Court rose for the day.

ASSAULTING BENGALEES CONVICTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 16.

Three Bengalees who were charged with assaulting the police at the Police Court were sentenced, each to two weeks' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50 or in default another week's imprisonment.

FALL OF DELHI

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

THE OATH OF LOYALTY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 16.

The fiftieth anniversary of the fall and siege of Delhi was celebrated at Dehra Dun by the 2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles under command of Brigadier-General Hall. The regiment was then known as the 6th Sirmoor Rifles and took a prominent part in the Mutiny. The two battalions mustered strong, facing the saluting flag under which sat sixteen Mutiny veterans. One company from each battalion marched to the front and repeated the oath of loyalty to the King-Emperor. One man from each of the two companies going forward saluting and touching the Royal Sceptre presented by the King-Emperor to the regiment which was upheld during the ceremony by a veteran Gurkha Officer.

General Hall delivered a stirring address. The Union Jack was hoisted and a royal salute given, while the Band played the National Anthem. Three hearty cheers were given for the King.

The European veterans were invited to a breakfast at the Mess.

General Hall gave the Gurkhas Rs. 100 for a treat. At night, there was a torchlight procession and tattoo.

GYMNASTIC APPARATUS FOR N. C. REGIMENTS.

Withheld for Want of Funds.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Adjutant-General in India has intimated that the Commander-in-Chief is at present unable to support the proposal to extend to the Native Cavalry the concessions in the matter of Gymnastic apparatus already granted to the Native Infantry regiments as all available funds are required for other and more urgent purposes.

The desirability of some physical training for this arm of the native army being, however, fully recognised, it is considered that Native Cavalry regiments should frequently be exercised in free gymnastics as laid down in the Training Manuals.

INCREASE IN PASSAGE RATES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your issue of September 11, I notice a letter from "Anti-trust," in which he makes some rather wild comments and suggestions. At the end of his letter he advocates a 20-knots service and a first-class fare by P. and O. of £30. It is a favourite delusion of the man in the street that increase of speed is easily and cheaply obtained, but this is far from being the case. To increase speed from 15 knots, which I believe is about the average at present, to 20 knots, it would be necessary to double the coal consumption, and this, without taking into account the increased size and weight of the engines that would be necessary to obtain it or any of the other factors, would be sufficient to show that such a thing is out of the question. To be able to judge matters of this kind it is essential to have at least a smattering of knowledge of the subject, and "Anti-trust's" letter shows that he is completely ignorant of the principles of steam navigation, though his "whisky" statistics may be more accurate. Far more reasonable would it be to attack the P. and O. for their extraordinary slowness in adopting improvements such as twin-screws, which they did not fit in their fast ships till ten years after their success had been established beyond question by other lines, and other instances might be quoted. If "Anti-trust" investigates the actual chances of obtaining his 20-knot service and fares at three-fifths of the present rate he will find figures that will astonish him.

YOUR NAVAL CORRESPONDENT.

AN ANTI-TRUST COMPANY.

—Purely Apocryphal—

If you want a fast steamer you've only to go
And pay in your guinea to Anti-Trust Co.
We'll show 'em, well teach 'em, the old P. and O.,
With their drinks that are dear and their ships that are slow.
"Twenty knots steady, blow high or blow low"
Is the up-to-date motto of Anti-Trust Co.
Roll up, roll up with your guineas.
Your pockets with sparklets fill—
Small children in knickers and pinnies—
All free ! Any number you will !
The Demon Seasickness we've totally floored—
A bottle of Gyroscope Juice—
Is handed to each as he clambers aboard
With fullest directions for use.
On purely co-op'rative lines—
—We say it with hand on our heart—
Each one who his guinea cheque signs
Is entitled to parcel and part—
In the profits we make, if we win
And the losses—but who cares a fig ?
What matter if profits are thin,
If the losses are sure to be big ?
Then stump up the capital, sinews of war,
Roll up with your guineas and dust.
Like Samson of old, with his asinine jaw
We'll fight till we're bought or we bust!

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THE NOTIFICATION AT HOME.

All the shipping companies of any importance engaged in trade in the Far East have just issued an announcement that from now the passage rates will be increased by 10 per cent. The notice is as follows:—Owing to the great advance in the cost of coal and other supplies for ships' use, the following companies engaged in the Eastern trade hereby notify a surtax of 10 per cent. on existing passage rates, outwards and homewards, to take effect from this date:—

P. and O. Company.
Messageries Maritimes.
Norddeutscher-Lloyd.
Orient.
Loyal Mail Line.
Canadian Pacific Railway Company.
Canadian-Australian Southern Pacific Company.
Pacific Mail Steamship Company.
Occidental and Oriental Company.
Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
Austrian Lloyd's Company.
Navigazione General Itaune.
British India Company.
Ellerman.
City and Hall Lines.
Anchor Line.
Aberdeen Line.
Lund's Blue Anchor Line.
Federal, Houlder and Shire Lines.
August 13, 1907.

At the P. and O. offices, where inquiries were made by a London representative, an official asked as to whether it was true that passengers by their line were resenting the increase in the charges,added:—"Nothing has come to my knowledge as to the feelings of travellers about to journey by our vessels. It is of little use. They must grin and bear it. The companies find themselves bound to protect themselves in the way indicated."

Inquiries at some of the other offices concerned confirm the view that the shipping lines concerned were bound under existing circumstances to put a percentage of 10 per cent on the passages. Indeed this appears to have been the very lowest increase that could possibly have been made.

A well-known shipping agent said the increased charges came as no surprise to those concerned, and said, after all, he did not think the travelling public would regard the advance as such a very serious item. The taking of passages to India and the East generally at the present time was about the same as usual at this time of the year.

FACTORIES IN BOMBAY.

THE following resolution has been published in the Annual Report on the working of the Indian Factories Act for the year 1906 :—

During the year the steady increase in factories and factory population was well maintained. In the last five years the progress has been noteworthy, representing an increase of 95 factories and 32,413 operatives in this period. Nearly 80 per cent. of the factories and operatives are employed in the cotton industry.

FACTORIES AND THEIR POPULATON.

	Factories.	Population.
1902	400	180,224
1903	418	182,910
1904	432	188,106
1905	455	200,432
1906	495	212,637

The inspection of these factories for technical purposes remains in the hands of the 1st Inspector for Bombay, the 2nd Inspector for Ahmedabad, Broach and Surat, and the Presidency Inspector for elsewhere. It is becoming increasingly evident that some increase in this staff is necessary in order to keep pace with the increase in factories. The appointment of additional technical Inspectors will therefore be taken into consideration by Government at an early date.

During the year proposals were advanced for an improved form of register for children's age certificates. This form, which provides additional means of identification, has since been sanctioned. The attention of all Collectors is directed to amended Rule 19 (i) containing the new form, and they are requested to see that the register is brought into use in all factories in which children are employed.

The analysis conducted during the year in connection with impurities in the air in cotton mills shows that the results of the tests taken by Messrs. Monteath and Chambers were distinctly unsatisfactory. His Excellency the Governor in Council is aware that Rule 5 of the Rules under the Act as it now stands cannot be strictly enforced. The amendment of this Rule will shortly be considered. His Excellency the Governor in Council is disposed to believe that the solution of the ventilation difficulty, which has been much delayed, will be found in prescribing a standard of purity for the atmosphere in factories, leaving to the factory owners full liberty to adopt such measures as they may devise in order to maintain this standard. Inspectors have not to design systems of ventilation, but should insist on a certain standard of purity being maintained.

His Excellency the Governor in Council notices with satisfaction that the percentage of accidents for the year, with that of 1900, is the lowest for the decade. At the same time, it cannot be regarded as satisfactory that two fatal accidents were caused during the year by the tin rollers of the ring frames. Orders for the effectual guarding of these ring frames were issued in 1895. It appears that prosecutions were instituted in each case. After the ample notice that millowners have received concerning the necessity for the provisions of Rule 22, failure to addequately protect these ring frames, thereby endangering the lives of child workers, should invariably form the subject of a prosecution.

The failure of another prosecution during the year supplies further evidence of the inadequacy of the terms of section 17 of the Act. The point will be considered when the Factory Act comes under amendment.

Since the close of the year under report the Factory Committee have issued their report on certain matters connected with labour in Indian factories. Some of their remarks and suggestions will shortly form the subject of the orders of Government.

THE ARMY'S BAD BARGAINS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Your leader on the above subject in to-day's issue is inaccurate in many respects, more especially with regard to physical unfitness. I was at one time for over two years Recruiting Medical Officer in Glasgow I have had same 18 years Indian experience including Burma, I am now P. M. O of the Bombay Brigade and as such, practically everything connected with invaliding passes through my hands, and finally, a few weeks ago, I sat at Simla as President of a Special Committee on the subject. I may therefore, I think, without undue self laudation, fairly claim to be an expert. The writer appears to be behind the times and does not know that special recruiting medical officers have been in existence for years back. I wonder also if he knows what an enormous number are rejected by the M. O.'s ? well-nigh one half. Here is the routine.—The recruit is first examined by a M.O., then by the special Recruiting M.O., then during his first three months he is seen weekly by a M.O., often the specialist ; if in that time he shows any defect he is got rid of at once without any formality other than a certificate "not likely to become an efficient soldier." After about a year's training he is drafted to India, or the Colonies, but before being finally selected he is again carefully overhauled and the result duly recorded ; if unfit he is put back, and finally, just before departure, the P.M.O. of the District has a look at him. I doubt if anything more searching than this could be derived. And the proof lies in the issue, for the statement in your article that large numbers, come out in the spring only to return in the autumn is quite inaccurate, even grotesquerly so. The first invaliding boards sit in the first week in September, so that the greater number of the returns are now in my office : in view of your articles I scanned a number of them this morning and out of many scores I only came across one that probably comes within the writer's category.

Tubercle of the lung (*i.e.* consumption) loomed large, heart affections were common—they always are among soldiers,—malaria of course contributed largely, likewise that scourge enteric, and one thing that few people know, *viz* : perforation of the ear drum, with of course deafness. This last is due, I think, to two causes, viz : want of cleanliness in the ears and consequent septic conditions from dust and sweat, and secondly, the soldier's delight in diving into water, over and over again from a height. The writer is very far out, too, regarding fraudulent enlistments being winked at. I had a Recruiting Sergeant-Major once who looked upon every would-be warrior with a glare of concentrated distrust, and I am not quite sure that, by force of habit, he did not carefully study his newly-born baby boy to see if he could discover any evidence of previous military training. I know we caught many a one, though doubtless a few escaped us. He forgets that there is a great inducement to vigilance, to wit a substantial reward, and I recollect a certain Sergeant who was so astute at the game that he was credited with an income of over £100 a year from this source alone. By implication he seems to infer that retired M. O.'s are not good recruiting officers ; he is wrong again here. As a matter of fact they are amongst the best, for the very cogent reason that they are fully posted in Mr. Atkins's little ways. T. A. is a good sort—the best—he is likewise a downy bird and as he graphically puts it himself "they 're aint no flies upon him ;" therefore, he wants close study. One point the writer missed, though, *viz.* the number of "bad hats" that feign insanity. It is a difficult thing to deal with because of the dire consequences that might follow a mistake ; if the screw of discipline, for instance, were put upon a man for shamming madness and he afterwards burst out in an attack of homicidal mania it would not be comforting, to say the least. No, I think we must just thole it—to use a Scotticism ; after all they are contemptible blackguards, and the army is well rid of them.

Yours, etc.,

R. H. FORMAN, COL., R.A.M.C.,
P. M. O. Bo. Brigade.

September 16.

SAILOR RUN OVER AND KILLED AT KARACHI.

Fourth Accident.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 16.

A fatal accident occurred at Keamari. A sailor from the steamship "Hindu" was run over by an engine and was decapitated. This is the fourth similar mishap within a very short period.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

WRESTLING AND BOXING.

Shrubb in America.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, AUGUST 30.

This is the time of year when wrestlers and boxers throw out their challenges and it will be no fault of the scrappers and "carpet crawlers" if we do not have another boom in boxing and wrestling.

A striking thing about the wrestling boom is that the challengers are invariably always foreigners. We have Graeco-Roman artists challenging catch-as-catch-can wrestlers, and exponents of Ju-Jitsu offering to take on either of the others, well knowing there is little likelihood of an acceptance. It is hardly flattering to our pride to find no Britishers on hand to take on some of the invaders at their own game. It would be even consoling if some of the stalwart Fell men challenged the foreign wrestlers to a meeting in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style. Properly managed, that form of wrestling ought to prove even a greater draw than catch-as-catch-can wrestling. It is over quicker and appeals to the man in the street as a more natural form of wrestling. As matters stand, foreign artists come to England and issue challenges in their own style, and score at the expense of home wrestlers, who accept a few pounds for appearing against them. It is doubtful if a troupe of Cumberland and Westmoreland wrestlers would command such "gates" if they toured the Continent and offered to forfeit so much if they failed gain to so many falls inside fifteen minutes against all comers.

BOXING.

South Wales is a hot-bed of boxing just now and a good contest should be seen between Seman Hayes and Fred Welsh on September 7th, when they try conclusions in a fifteen rounds "go" at Pontypridd. Nine days later, Welsh has even a more important engagement, *viz*, one of twenty rounds for £100 aside, with J. White of Cardiff. This will be decided in private and with four ounce gloves. There is also prospect of Owen Moran and Jim Driscoll coming together. The latter has had a fine offer to go to America, but so far has not made up his mind. Johnny Summers may also take another trip across the Atlantic shortly, as he is offered an engagement to again try conclusions with Murphy of Haarlem, who he scored over in a six rounds contest at Philadelphia some months back.

CYCLING.

The joint meeting of the Putney, Paddington and Polytechnic C. C. at Herne Hill last Saturday produced some of the most interesting racing of the season. The idea of an International series of sprint races among Devoissoux (France) amateur champion of the world and G. C. Anderson, E. Payne and C. B. Kingsbury—who are the "quarter," "mile" and five miles N. C. U. champions respectively—was a happy one. This was the first occasion our cracks and the Frenchman had met on a really up-to-date cement track and the result showed Kingsbury to great advantage. He and the visitor really had the races to themselves, the Portsmouth man winning the one lap and half mile events and the Frenchman the mile, their points working out at 4 to 5 in favour of Kingsbury. Payne and Anderson show to better advantage on grass and cinder tracks, and they were badly beaten. In the one lap race for the Limerick Bowl, however, Payne did better and just beat Kingsbury, while Devoissoux secured a five miles scratch race.

A FAMOUS RACE.

The Bol d'Or, a 24 hours paced race, is one of the most famous events in the cycling world. The race at Paris on Saturday and Sunday last was the thirteenth annual contest and in the past it has been won by such wonderful riders as C. Huret and A. E. Walters. The latter's win in July of 1899, when he rode 634 miles 774 yards (motor paced) in the 24 hours will long be remembered. It was a blazing hot day, yet "Jenny" kept pegging away and "smothered" all his rivals and set up a mark which remains unbeaten. The conditions are now altered and stipulate for human tandem pacing, and L. Georgel's winning distance of 561 miles 1732 yards on Sunday is a record for such pacing and a very fine one at that.

SWIMMING.

After the splendid performances of Jabez Wolfe of Glasgow in his Channel attempts, he was expected to go close for premier honours in the Paris six hours swim on Sunday. He could do no better than finish fifth, however, with a total of 8½ miles, while Burgess of Paris, who hails from Rotherham, was sixth. The winner, Paulus is quite a veteran and he covered just on 9½ miles in the six hours. The surprise packet of the race was furnished by Chretien, an eighteen years old swimmer, who got within 470 yards of the winner and must have a great future. The race rather points to Channel swimming and racing being quite a different matter, though possibly had the event been of twelve hours duration, Wolfe would have been much nearer the front.

SHRUBB IN AMERICA.

Shrubb's latest exploit was to defeat F. Kanaly the American professional champion, in a three miles race at Celtic Park, New York. As usual, Shrubb forced the pace from the start, the opening half mile occupying only 2mins. 6 2/5secs.—quite fast enough had his journey been one mile. After this he slowed down and reached the "mile" post in 4mins. 34secs., two miles in 9mins. 42 secs., and the full journey in 14mins. 46 2/5secs. It is rather amusing to read that Shrubb is reported to have said he was sorry his rival could not force him to run his hardest, as then he might have broken record. Those who have watched the career of Shrubb, know full well that he runs best when winning easily. In this respect he is like the late Willie Day of America, and the two were very like each other in appearance, build and method of running a race. When Day created the American three miles record of 14 mins. 39 secs. his opening mile was 4mins. 32secs. and he beat 9 mins. 40 secs. for two miles. This was at Bergen Point, New Jersey, in May of 1890 and the writer well recollects how Day piled on the pace after getting the lead. Shrubb has done very well on the other side and the climate does not appear to have greatly upset him. He is not returning just yet and as he claims to be very fit he may put up a few good records during September and October—usually the most favourable months of the year for athletics in and around New York. It would be interesting to see Shrubb go for the two and three miles American records, and Holmes' Field, Boston (or is it Soldier's Field now ?) or Travers Island, New York Sound would be very suitable grounds for such attempts.

THE TURF.

At last we are enjoying real summer weather and sportsmen were able to witness the racing on Knalesmere this week under the best of conditions. The traditions of York are many, and some of the events decided at the meeting rank among our famous races. The first day was chiefly noteworthy for a capital performance by Leslie, a fine big filly belonging, to Sir Daniel Cooper, to whom Flair belongs. Lesbia is a full sister to Flair and like the latter may win the Middle Park Plate. Flair won this event in 1905, but subsequently proved a big disappointment to his popular owner. Possibly Lesbia will do better and certainly the manner the filly defeated the opposition in the Prince of Wales Plate was most satisfactory.

The Great Ebor Handicap provided Wuffy with a lucky win. Mr. Bendon's colt, The Page (winner in 1905) and Bibiani were hotly contesting the issue near home and Wuffy bumped into The Page, and some think, spoilt the latter's chance. Anyway Mr. Bendon's representative drew out after this and beat Bibiani by a good length. Plum Tree was top weight and favourite, but could not stand the hot pace near the end and dropped back.

The third day's racing provided several very interesting items. Once again Mr. Hall Walker carried off the Gimcrack Stakes for two year olds, Royal Realm following in the footsteps of Polar Star and Colonia. The

meeting we saw Dusty Miller prove himself 21lbs. better than Attitude, while at York the latter beat Earlston at a difference of 7lbs. The good showing of the latter against Orby and Woolwinder will be recalled to mind, so that book form would make Dusty Miller a real "flier." We must not be over influenced by this, as a few weeks at this time of the year often leads to surprising improvement. We do know, however, that Lord Derby owns a real good stayer in Attitude and the filly should show up prominently in the St. Leger.

CRICKET.

It is quite certain we are going to see an exciting struggle between C. B. Fry and Tom Hayward as to which shall head the batting battle at the end of the season. The amateur showed the way at the close of play on Saturday, with an average of 46·88 as against 46·59 by Hayward. The latter has since gone in front as the result of play up to last evening, Fry making 110 in three innings and Hayward 84 in one innings. This leaves the latter with an average of 47·42 against 45·83 by C. B. Fry. In the bowling department it is unlikely that R. O. Schwarz of the South African team will lose first place, that is, counting all engagements. His six wickets at Bath yesterday brought the number of his victims to 134 at an average cost of 1,071 runs each. Hallam of Notts has done best among home bowlers, his record being 162 wickets at an average of 11·77.

The South Africans had an easy task against South Wales at Cardiff this week. The match was really looked on as a holiday engagement, as Welshmen do not take kindly to cricket, and the visitors were easy winners inside two days. The tourists included L.J. Tancred, H. Smith, and the Rev C. D. Robinson in the side, the first-named opening the innings with W Shalders but again proved unfortunate. S. J. Snook's 87 was a capital effort and the "golden" headed Captonian is now batting at his very best. The total of 289 was not a large one, but it proved more than sufficient, as the Welshmen were dismissed for 92 and 131. Gordon White followed up his splendid innings of 162 (not out) against Gloucestershire by taking 5 wickets for 23 runs and 5 for 29. The batsmen could not master his deliveries in the least and the performance of White rather points to the fact that enough has not been made of him as a bowler this time. The South African captain did a gracious thing in the second innings of South Wales. So as to give the natives confidence, he deputed S. D. Snook and W. A. Shalders to open the bowling, and up to a certain point the batting side did fairly well. When Nurse and White took up the attack, however, the end was not long delayed, the former's 3 wickets only costing 14 runs.

At Bath yesterday the Somerset captain put the South Africans in first after winning the toss and, favoured with a bowler's pitch, managed to get them out for 233. J. J. Kotze, the Western Province fast bowler, made a re-appearance for the visitors and made more runs than some of the crack batsmen. G. A. Faulkner played a brilliant innings of 75, hitting twelve 4's, and R.O. Schwarz was to the fore with the ball by taking 6 wickets for 46 runs.

FOOTBALL.

Both the Army and Navy Football Associations have decided to remain loyal to the Football Association, instead of going over to the Amateur Association as urged to do. The situation is causing considerable discussion in Scotland, as while the Scottish F. A. does not wish to do anything savouring of opposition to the English F. A., it has no desire to put a stop to the popular Corinthian F. C. Scottish tour. Of course if the Football Association were to declare the members of the Amateur Association suspended, then all affiliated bodies and Associations would be obliged to recognise the bar, and then everbody would be hard put to it to get on interesting matches. Though the Corinthians are a dead letter, so far as International matches in England are concerned, we shall not lack for important Amateur International during the coming season. The F. A. has arranged quite a long list of big matches in which England will meet Ireland, Holland, Wales, France, Belgium and Germany in the order given. Then we shall also have the Olympic Football Tournament, for which the Football Association has presented a Challenge trophy.

The highest win in the Scottish League fixtures on Saturday was that of Motherwell (at home) on entertaining Port Glasgow Athletic, the latter going down by 6 goals to 0. Glasgow Rangers and Falkirk also triumphed over Aberdeen and Hibernians by 4 goals to 0, respectively, the winners being at home. The only visiting teams to prevail were Celtic and Hamilton Academicals, the former just beating (3-2) Greenock Morton, while Hamilton disposed of the amateurs by 3 goals to 0. The latter never show to much advantage at the start of the season, but will no doubt play into form later. Aridrieoneans did fairly well to draw (1-1) on visiting St. Mirren, and Third Lanark also shared the honours (2-2) on Kilmarnock's ground. Another good game was seen at Dundee, where the home team only beat Patrick Thistle by 1 goal to 0.

IN GENERAL.

The Billiard Association is considering a proposal to stop cradle cannon play by drawing twelve inch baulk lines across the jaws of the corner pockets and inside which no more than five consecutive cannons may be made.

It is stated that half a dozen of the All-Blacks team will be among the New Zealand footballers, who will play under Northern Union rules this season.

J. W. Morton, the English 100 yards amateur sprint champion is going on a visit to the Continent and will compete in several races there.

J. H. Taylor did 18 holes of the Mid-Surrey golf course in 68 yesterday afternoon, a new record for the course.

Sandley House beat Sulton Scatney by 6 goals to 3 in the final of the Blackmore Vale Polo Club tournament at Sherborne.

At Liverpool last evening, Miss J. Fletcher of Leicester won the 100 yards scratch swimming race for ladies, in 1min. 19secs., which is a world's record for a lady.

Arnaud Massey, (France) the open golf champion, has met J. H. Taylor and A. Herd during the week, the Frenchman beating Herd 5 and 4 and going down against Taylor, who was 3 up with two to play.

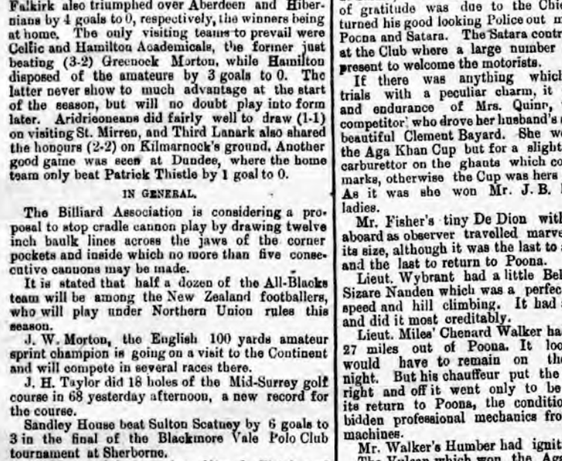
FOOTBALL NOTES.

We are this week not only in the more interesting stage of the Rovers' Tournament but have the opening of the Durand Tournament in Simla further to occupy our attention. Owing to the stronger team the Royal Scots have sent to Simla the football there will be more keenly followed by Bombayites in than, former years, and there is every reason to expect them to continue their long list of successes.

As to our tournament, the form up to the present must be considered mediocre and below that of last year. The Scots are the remaining hope of Bombay and, though at first it was thought they had no chance, on the strength of what we have seen they will make a good show and it is well within the bounds of possibility for them to win the Cup again. Their most dangerous opponents strike one immediately as being the Carabiniers and Manchesters.

Turning again to the Durand, the Scots are most confident of success and have beaten the Wilts at Kasauli by 3-0 and the pick of Kasauli Depôt by 5-2, which shows they are fit enough. The Royal Sussex Regiment were also their victims. It has been thought that were they to lose in Simla they would come down and play for the Regiment here. This I scarcely think the Colonel likely to allow, as it might smack of pot-hunting. Their withdrawal from the Trades Tournament in Lahore for probably the handsomest cup in India was due to their reluctance of any suspicion of pot-hunting. The withdrawal of the North Staffords has caused the Durand Cup draws to be revised and it looks as though the Scots are in the weaker half.

The drawings now stand as under :—



SPORTING NEWS.

MOTOR CAR COMPETITION.

Aga Khan Challenge Cup.

ONLY TEN CARS START.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 16.

Postponements are invariably fatal. The fact was painfully emphasised in connection with the Aga Khan Motor Trials held to-day. The Trials should have taken place on the 23rd of last month, but the abnormal rain during the whole of August rendered it impossible to hold the competition on that date. It was accordingly postponed. The result was anything but encouraging to the efforts of the Committee and to Aga Shah Rook Shah, the Honorary Secretary, who worked himself off over his hard labour to get things in ship-shape order.

The Motor Union of Western India will probably laugh in their sleeves to think that only ten cars started this morning although nineteen entered. It is noteworthy that not a single competitor from Bombay appeared in the competition this year. Last year Bombay contributed about thirteen out of the twenty-six cars which started. It is remarkable that this year four-fifths of the competitors were from anywhere but Bombay or Poona.

The 13th Hussars were eminently sporting in having three representatives and it is gratifying to find that their sporting spirit has been rewarded by Lieutenant Dangar winning the Aga Khan Cup.

Apart from the diminution in entries there were other factors which militated against the boom of the trials this year. The illness of Aga Shah Rookh Shah at the eleventh hour and the absence of his master hand in the proceedings was nothing short of a fatality. In his place Mr. Vincent, a member of the Committee, held the sceptre at a Villoo Villa.

At Satara the trials were wholly without an executive, Mr. Vincent was disappointed about a lift and Mr. Byramjee J. B. Jeejeebhoy, another member of the Committee, could not get to Satara. He was stranded on the Khandalla ghaut and was obliged to seek a lift back to Poona which fortunately he got. The trials too were stripped off much of its annual wonted eclat, and if Inspector Moore and a few of the Poona police had not been at Villoo Villa early in the morning, the ordinary observer might have passed the place without being struck by anything unusual. The cars were not timed up on the road as on former occasions. They started straight from the grounds of Villoo Villa where they were parked over night. Mr. Vincent started them at three minutes' interval, but at the critical moment Mr. Petit's ill-fated Panhard once the property of Mr. Joe Lee, refused to move, something having gone wrong with the working parts but after a considerable amount of delay at the post, so to say, the monster Panhard snorted out but to stop again at the gate. But when eventually it did get away it cut up to the Khandalla Ghaut like an airship. Here the wheel broke and the car was hopelessly stranded. It had to be towed down the ghaut and back to the Sherwal boundary by a team of bullocks and an army of coolies. A Western India motor was procured from Poona and it arrived at the scene of disaster late in the afternoon to tow the unfortunate car to Poona. Mr. Petit, Mr. Jeejeebhoy and son and Mrs. Jamsetjee were conveyed to Poona in the Jodhpore car and in Mr. F. B. Stewart's salvage car, the latter having come in very handy. Beyond this casualty there was very little of a distressing character to interfere with an enjoyable spin of 140 miles up to Satara and back.

It was a sunless and rainless day and a soft balmy breeze blowing all the way made the run exceptionally pleasurable. To add to the loveliness of the weather the road was kept clear of traffic and preserved in excellent order thanks, to the officers of the P.W.D. who were responsible for very appreciable preservation. Police arrangements under command of Mr. Green, D.S.P. at Poona, and Mr. Hume, D.S.P. at Satara, could not have been better and a debt of gratitude was due to the Chief of Bhor who turned his good looking Police out midway between Poona and Satara. The Satara control was as usual at the Club where a large number of people were present to welcome the motorists.

If there was anything which covered the trials with a peculiar charm, it was the pluck and endurance of Mrs. Quinn, the only lady competitor, who drove her husband's and Mr. Barrow's beautiful Clement Bayard. She would have won the Aga Khan Cup but for a slight mishap to the carburettor on the ghauts which cost her time and marks, otherwise the Cup was hers by every right. As it was she won Mr. J. B. Petit's Cup for ladies.

Mr. Fisher's tiny De Dion with Mr. Lowman aboard as observer travelled marvellously well for its size, although it was the last to arrive at Satara and the last to return to Poona.

Lieut. Wybrant had a little Belgian car called Sizare Nanden which was a perfect revelation in speed and hill climbing. It had a non-stop run and did it most creditably.

Lieut. Miles' Chenard Walker had gear troubles 27 miles out of Poona. It looked as if he would have to remain on the road for the night. But his chauffeur put the disordered car right and off it went only to be disqualified on its return to Poona, the conditions having forbidden professional mechanics from touching up machines.

Mr. Walker's Humber had ignition troubles.

The Vulcan which won the Aga Khan Cup is the only car of its kind in Poona and even in Bombay. It has not a very extensive following, but it is destined to make its presence felt in India at no distant date as it has proved its durability, speed and hill climbing ability to an admirable extent. It climbed the Katraj Ghaut in 7 minutes 34 seconds and the Khandalla Ghaut in 7 1/4 minutes.

The Daimler owned and driven by Mr. Wood of Wood and Badger fame, did the best hill climbing, having taken the first ghaut in 6 1/2 minutes and the second in 6 3/4 minutes and thereby won the Nawab of Sachin's hill climbing trophy, which is a beautiful piece of Cutch workmanship, presented for the first time on a previous occasion. The cup for this test was presented by Tattersall's Club.

The splendid Beaufort mail car belonging to the Western India Motor Co. and cleverly driven by Mr. J. Brearley carried the gentlemen of the Press including Mr. G. A. Fernandez, Mr. Slater, Mr. Kennedy, Khan Saheb D. D. Bootie in addition to Mr. Noel and Mr. Wadia.

Aga Shah Rookh Shah is to be congratulated on the result of his labour, for there is no mistake that the run was enjoyable.

The following was the order of starting :—

1. Captain Wood's 28-36 h. p. Daimler, driven by owner. Aga S. Shah observer.
2. Mr. P. B. Petit's 35 h. p. Panhard driven by owner. Mr. Byramjee R. Jeejeebhoy observer, Mrs. J. C. Jamsetjee, Mr. Cama, Mr. Dadysett and Mr. Rustomjee B. Jeejeebhoy passengers.
3. Lieutenant Miles' Chenard Walcker, 16-20 h. p. driven by owner. Captain Smith, observer.
4. H. H. the Maharaja of Jodhpur, 12-16 h. p. Fiat driven by Captain Jenkin A. D. C., General Greenfield, observer. Mrs. Rich, passenger.
5. Lieutenant Dangar's 14 h. p. Vulcan, driven by owner. Major Bertie Clay observer.
6. Mr. Quin and Hon'ble Mr. Barrow's 10-12 h. p. Clement Bayard, driven by Mrs. Quinn. Mr. Ford observer.
7. Mr. Walkers 10-12 h. p. Humber, driven by owner. Lieutenant Wells observer.
8. Captain Anstruther's h. p. Clement Talbot driven by Owner. Capt Hughes observer.
9. Lieut Wybrant's 8 h. p. Sizare Nandin, driven Owner. Capt Strong, observer.
10. Mr. Fisher's 6 h. p. De Dion, driven by Owner. Mr. Lowman, observer.

RESULT OF THE TRIALS.

The following was the result of the competition :—

1. Lieut Dangar's Vulcan, winner of the Aga Khan Challenge Cup, non stop 4,296 marks.
2. Lieut Wood's Daimler, winner of the Sachin hill-climbing Trophy, non stop 3,949 marks.
3. H. H. the Maharaja of Jodhpur's Fiat, non stop 3,469 marks.
4. Lieut Wybrant's Sizare Nandin, non stop 3,442 marks.
5. Captain Anstruther's Clement Talbot non stop 2,733 Marks.
6. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Barrow's Clement Bayard, non stop 2,304 marks, winner of Mr. J. B. Petit's Cup for ladies.
7. Mr. P. B. Petit's Panhard retired having broken the turning wheel.
8. Lieut Miles' Chenard Walcker, had sparking plug trouble.
9. Mr. Walker's Humber, had ignition troubles.
10. Mr. Fisher's De Dion, arrived late.

POONA RACES.

Horses Left in for Wednesday.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 16.

The following are the horses left in for the Poona Races, fourth day, Wednesday's meeting.

Poona Grand National (Steeplechase). Two miles and one furlong.

Madeira 11st. 5lbs., Rustler 11st. 4lbs., Loch Lochie 10st. 13lbs., Senator 10st. 8lbs., Loddon 10st. 2lbs., Nell Gwynne 9st. 8lbs., and Goodwin 9st.

Pony Champion Chase.—One mile and seven furlongs, over the Pony Steeplechase Course. Lucretia 10st. 10lbs., Daphne 9st 11lbs and Fortunatus 8.

Visitors' Plate—One mile.

Preparation 9st 10lbs, Greenstone, Squire, Alfred 9st 2lbs, St Patrick 9st 1lbs, Admiral Crichton 8st 11lbs, Mother Goose 8st 9lbs, Cossack 8st 6lbs, Dunsinane 8st 3lbs, Wakeful 8st 2lbs, Silphoe 8st Dramatic 7st 12lbs, Trenayr 7st 10lbs, Flotsam 7st 4lbs.

Selling Plate.—Six furlongs.

Cossack, 9st., 4lbs, Dormant 9st. Mother Goose 8st. 12lbs., Rustler 8st. 9lbs., Dunsinane 8st. 8lbs., Jubilant 8st. 7lbs., Resident 8st. 2lbs., Epitome 7st. 13lbs., Edie 7st. 8lbs., and Devil's Dance 7st. 4lbs.

Terms Races :—Dealer's New Plate, 7 furlongs.—Nizam Moonim, Alma, Commander. Great Shot Deenar, Hazza, Thuyyar, Kawakib, Spearmint, Merjan. Talab, Petroleum, Idbas, Dhafer, Dhamas, Madras.

Naval and Military Plate.—six furlongs.—Musket Martini, Little Exile, Young Lomond, Honey, Wareed, Colonel, Rocksalt Tigris.

HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 16.

The following are the handicaps for next Saturday's races :—

GOVERNOR'S CUP.—R. C. and distance.—Precious 9st 12lbs, Egypt 8st 13lbs, Soheil 8st 8lbs, Nooman 8st 6lbs, Hampstead 8st 6lbs, Skylark 8st 5lbs, Young Kohinoor 8st 4lbs, Makjoom 8st 2lbs, Alma 8st 1lb, King Cobweb, 8st 1lb., Tachreet 8st., Arab Lord 7st 13lbs, Moorced 7st 12lbs, Peculiar 7st 10lbs, Money Winner 7st 9lbs, Young Castigan 7st 9lbs, Remembrance 7st 8lbs, Vasco 7st 8lbs, Led 7st 7lbs, Moonib Pasha 7st 7lbs, Dilerjung 7st 6lbs, Commander 7st, Antica 6st 10lbs, Young Kaiser 6st 4lbs and Letgo 6st.

Topt weight not accepting, weights to be raised seven lbs.

WESTERN INDIA STAKES.—One and a quarter miles.—Boabdil 9st 12lbs, Sacristan 9st 3lbs, Ballark 8st 12lbs Paddy's Darling 8st 10lbs, Realm 8st 7lbs, Killua 8st 4lbs, The Master 8st 3lbs, Anna Mulloch 8st 1lb, Cinder Bell 8st, Clear Artist 7st 12lbs, Preparation 7st 10lbs, Prince Lyon 7st 8lbs, Wandin 7st 7lbs, Circuit 7st 6lbs, Dirty Boy 7st 6lbs, Our State 7st 5lbs, Apology 7st 5lbs, Mount Dane 7st 4lbs, Trenton 7st 4lbs, Presbyterian 7st 3lbs, Palindrome 7st 3lbs, Royalist 7st 2lbs, Botha 7st 1lb, Chassepot 7st and Admiral Crichton 6st 10lbs.

Top weight not accepting, weights to be raised 7 lbs.

GANESHKHIND PLATE.—Six furlongs.—Sermon 9st 12lbs, Killua 9st 6lbs, Sacristan 9st 5lbs, Paddy's Darling 9st, Chivalry 8st 7lbs, Manlock 8st 3lbs, Berthier 8st 2lbs, Lady Metal 8st 1lb, Anna Mullock 8st, Killeevan 8st, Mozart 7st 13lbs, Dulcimer 7st 13lbs, Prince Lyon 7st 12lbs, Posco 7st 11lbs, Ferndown 7st 9lbs, Stira-bout 7st 7lbs, Presbyterian 7st 6lbs, Baritone 7st 5lbs, Cossack 7st 4lbs, Psalm 7st 3lbs, Nat Gould 7st 2lbs, Bustle 7st 1lb, Dormant 7st, Mulison 6st 13lbs, Hot Sam 6st 8lbs, Adelaide 6st 6lbs and Harpist 6st 4lbs.

If top weight accepting be under 9st 10lbs, it will be raised to that amount and others in proportion.

COLONIAL PLATE.—One mile.—Minnee 8st 12lbs, Malaigia 9st 10lbs, Come Back 9st 7lbs, Wakeful 9st 1lb, Manderville 8st 4lbs, Encourage 8st, Belle Cole 7st 5lbs, Koko 7st 4lbs and Recovery 7st 1lb.

If top weight accepting be under 9st 10lbs, it will be raised to that amount and others in proportion.

S. I. R. A. MEETING.

First Week's Results.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAMP HEBBAL, SEPTEMBER 16.

The first week of the Southern India Rifle Association Meeting concluded on Saturday, when most of the championship matches and unlimited entry matches closed.

The week has been a very difficult one for shoot ists, they having to contend against very variable light and shifty winds. Nevertheless, some very good shooting was done.

The following are most of the recent results :—

United Service Scores Cup—200 yards—H. P. S. 35.
Sergt Radford, G I P Volunteers, 35.
Lieut. Dumbelli, Sherwood Foresters, 34.
Color Sergt Glander, Essex, 34.
Sergt Tomkins, Bedfords, 34.
Color Sergt Murse, Madras Volunteer Guards, 34.
Sergt Wylde, S M R Volunteers, 34.
Lieut Beeke, Sherwood Foresters, 34.
Sergt Ford, Cheshires, 34.

S. I. R. A. Stakes—500 yards—H. P. S. 35.
Color Sergt Glander, Essex, 35.
Lance Corporal Newns, Staffords, 35.
Capt Clarke, Kolar Volunteers, 34.
Lance Corporal Redmond, G I P Volunteers, 34.
Corporal Allington, Essex, 34.
Corporal Eden, Middlesex, 34.
Color Sergt Murse, Madras Volunter Guards, 34.
Sergt Bishop, Cheshires, and Sergt Major Mathewes, Kolar Volunteers, 34.
Major Copeland, Nilgiri Volunteers, 34.

Bronson Cup—900 yards.—H. P. S. 35.
Q M S Ley, Lincolns, 33. Wins the cup.
Sergt McNama, Connaughts, 33.
Sergt Wood, S. M. R. Volunteers, 33.
Color Sergt Glander, Essex, 33.
Corporal Eden, Middlesex, 33.

Unlimited Entries—500 yards.

Sergt Garrett, Madras Railway Volunteers ; Capt Brock, Nilgiri Volunteers ; Color Sergt Glander, Essex ; Col Sergt Eldon, Manchesters, Corporal Paul, Kolar Volunteers and Corporal Newns, Staffords, each full score.

There were 21 scores of 34, of which four were counted out.

Prize List.

Fisk, S. B. and C. I Volunteers, and Williams, G. I. P. Volunteers, being of the scores of 34.

900 yards.

Sergt Ball, Middlesex, 34.
Color Sergt Pilgrim, 33.
Q M S Ley, Lincolns and 11 others, with scores of 33 six of the 33 being counted out.

1000 yards.

Sergt Sheehan, Bangalore Volunteers, and Capt Sait, Bangalore Volunteers—each with 33 scores, 29 being counted out.

Championship Trophy.

Open to teams of eight from all corps. Seven out of twelve championship matches have been shot, the leaders being :—

Essex Regiment, 1,944,
Middlesex Regiment, 1,918,
Madras Railway Volunteers, 1,911.
Bangalore Volunteers, 1,904.
Kolar Volunteers, 1,884,
G I P R Volunteers, 1,878,
S M R Volunteers, 1,841.
Connaught Rangers, 1,812,
al Scots, 16,500.

Individual Championship Aggregate,

The following are the leaders in 7 events out of 12.—Lieut Dumbell, Sherwood Foresters, 259.
Capt Clarke, Kolar Volunteers, 255.
Corporol Cooke, Essex, 253.
Capt Leveson Gower, Sherwood, 252.
Sergt Robinson, Manchester, 252.
Major Copeland, Nilgiri Volunteers, 247.
Color Sergt Glander, Essex, 247.

British Officers Championship, Leaders in five out of six Matches—200 to 900 yards.

Lieut Dumbell, Sherwoods, 161.
Capt Leveson Gower, 159.
Capt Clarke, Kolar Volunteers, 155.
Major Copeland, Nilgiri Volunteers, 153.

Bangalore Cup.

To be fired on Thursday. The most likely winners will be found in the Essex, Middlesex, Lincolns, Kolar Volunteers, G I P Volunteers and Bangalore Volunteers.

Florilline:—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid Florilline sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produce a pleasant lather which throughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. The Fragrant Florilline being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs is delicious to the taste and the greatest ladies discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot. 26, Farringdon Road, London, England.

FOOTBALL.

The Rovers Tournament.

ANOTHER DRAWN GAME.

THE second drawn game of the above Tournament took place yesterday when the Manchesters met the East Lancs. Each team had defeated a civilian combination, the former the Telegraphs and the latter the Gymkhana. Throughout, the game was of an exciting nature and the fine strong kicking of the backs on each side was the main feature of the meeting. Both had their chances, some literally thrown away, and right up to the final call of time either might reasonably have been expected to score the deciding goal. It would be difficult to say which eleven had the better of the game, but it always struck one that the Manchesters' combination was inferior and this is likely to tell in the replaying to-day. Both custodians were at times well tested and the Lancs' man in particular was frequently applauded for brilliant saves when the opposing forwards were handy and looked like charging him through his own goal. In almost every game we have so far seen there has been too much talking and too much appealing, a matter which requires the attention of the Captains of the various teams. Play began well up to time to allow of a conclusion in good light, and wind again was not sufficiently strong to affect either side. From the kick off the Lancs at once came up and pressed but the ball went behind and the Manchesters came away on the right and twice Lowe saved finely. Some hard, even play followed in midfield till the Lancs came up again and pressed hotly. Being driven back, Little sent in a fine shot, but his centres were found off-side and later Duckworth cleared finely. The Manchesters, however, were back again through Little whose shot went over and hard kicking followed.

Playing pretty football, the Manchesters pressed on the right and the ball coming in Lawler narrowly missed scoring and Lowe saved finely a shot by Butler. Fletcher was next found off-side and a free for foul to Musson doing no good the East Lancs came up for Holland to clear finely. Naylor next started a pretty forward move, the ball going from Nelson to Simmons who centred beautifully, but Price missed a good chance by sending over. Open play followed with strong kicking rather in favour of the Manchesters though the Lancs' backs, were clearing well, Johnson passing Summers a good chance but shot to the right and soon after 'hands' was given against Duckworth near goal from a shot by Lowler, but this was cleared. Musson put in a long, well placed kick which Lowe ran out to, but before he could throw clear Butler was on him and they rolled over together, a free being awarded to the Lancs. The Manchesters were up strong through Johnson and Butler, but the later was found off-side and play continued more even till Johnson got on and, losing his chance of shooting through delay, forced a corner which was cleared and a foul was given against Maclennan near his goal, but this was cleared by Butler. A miss-kick by Duckworth gave Johnson a chance, but he shot to the right again and Summers relieved with a nice bit of play which was shortly followed by half time, leaving no score.

Manchester .....Nil
East Lancs .....Nil.

On resuming, the Manchesters came up but Johnson's centre went behind and the next moment another goal kick followed the other end after a run down on the Lancs' left. Alcock getting on sent in a nice shot and again from his 25' put in a dangerous dropping shot which hit the cross-bar but Field was off-side when rushing Rigby. The Manchesters coming up, Johnson gave in to Lawler whose shot went off Holland and following the corner Johnson was found off-side. They kept up to the attack and Fletcher was pulled up for a doubtful off-side which was followed by a foul against Butler and the Lancs were well up, Ainsworth forcing a corner. Following this, the Manchesters came up and Johnson put in a fine shot which Lowe cleared well. A second later Fletcher had a great chance but shot over and, up at once, Johnson shot behind. Simmons next put in a pretty run right down the right wing and Townsend just got up in time. Price next put in a neat centre, but Field hooked it a foot to the right. A foul kick helped to keep the Lancs on the attack and Fletcher was found off-side when they were cleared, but Price shot to the left. Play was very level now, the ball frequently going into touch. At last the Manchesters got going nicely on the left and Little tried a nice dropping shot which Lowe fisted out cleverly. Exciting play was seen when the Lancs came up on the right, Ainsworth and Alcock doing well and when cleared, they were awarded a free for hands but Holland cleared this well. Up again, Field missed a shot badly and a misskick by Summers saw the Manchesters up only for the ball to go back to Simmons whose long shot was cleared and Field's was a feeble one. A long kick by Duckworth was dangerous but Rigby cleared. Rowbinson next got the ball away well and Lawler put in a run placing nicely for Little who sent in a fine shot at which Lowe threw himself and gave a corner. A foul was given against the Lancs, but Fletcher was given off-side. A second later Butler and Fletcher got right in front of goal and seemed sure to score when Lowe rushed out and saved brilliantly. Johnson playing well, an exciting time followed and hands came to keep the Lancs hard at it defending. At last Ainsworth and Price got away and a fine shot by the former just went over.

Time followed soon after leaving the game drawn.

Manchesters..... Nil.
East Lancs..... Nil.

The following table shows results to date :—

	First Round.	Second Round.	Semi Finals	Final
R. F. A. Kirkee / Leicesters	R. F. A. 2—0			
Carabiniers / Worcesters	Carabiniers 1—0			
Y. M. C. A. / Rovers'	YMCA 1—0			
Customs / King's Liverpool	Customs 1—0.			
R. G. A., Colabs / 13th Hussars	To-day			
Royal Scots	bye			
East Lancs / Bombay Gymkhana	E Lancs 1—3	Drawn 0—0		
Manchesters / Telegraph	Manchesters.			

THE SYMONS' CUP.

During the half time interval the 13th Hussars and R. G. A., Colabs, met in connection with the above Cup. The R. G. A. only turned out two instead of three men and these finishing first and fifth, the Hussars ran out winners as under :—

13th Hussars.....9 Pts.
R. G. A.....6 Pts.

DURAND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 16.

The Durand Football Tournament commenced here to-day and two matches were played the Sussex beating the 9th Mountain Battery by three goals to love and the West Yorks defeating the Simla Volunteer "B" team as they pleased by a similar number of points.

To-morrow the 1st Royal Scots meet the Wiltshires, and the Second Scots Fusiliers play the Gloucesters.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway for the week ending 27th July last amounted to Rs. 1,742, being an increase on the corresponding week of the previous year of Rs. 396. The total earnings from 1st July to 27th July last were Rs. 8,269, being an increase on the corresponding period of the previous year of Rs. 1,265.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair" to its original colour without causing the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere. Wholesale depot 26 Farringdon Road, London, England.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

SCARLET TOWN,

BY

ALICE & CLAUDE ASKEW,

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(CHAPTER V—*continued.*)

But Ruth could not spare her even a week. It appeared that her father and step-mother had accepted an invitation to spend a fortnight with Sir Roger at a house which he had taken for the Epsom Summer Meeting. "Saucy Sue" was to run in the Oaks, and Sir Roger set much store upon the filly ; he had met with little luck upon the turf, and he was hoping fondly for the dawn of better things : the money invested by Mrs. Neal on his behalf would place him in the position to follow his hobby more worthily—unless, of course, Ruth expressed a dislike for horse-racing, in which case he was ready to give it up for ever.

Ruth had expressed no such dislike. She was herself a lover of horses, as of all manly sports, and the race-course did not signify to her the direct route to perdition. Betting did not appeal to her, and she secretly hoped that the man she loved had no great stake upon this horse, but she had not ventured to enquire more closely into this, and she had been glad enough to accept Sir Roger's invitation, holding her first duty now to be to him.

"Dear" he had said—and how the word had thrilled her!—"dear, if you and I are ever to be all in all to each other, if fate is to allow me to put the question to you that I long to speak, it will be during our stay at Epsom that I shall be able to put it. I shall know then definitely what my future will be. Vanna has promised to reveal to me then the result of her speculations. She is a clever woman, is Vanna Neal, and in with the right set, so I really have not the smallest doubt as to the result. Of course, if 'Saucy Sue' wins her race as well, it will be all the better for me. But I shall want you to be the first to congratulate me; I shall want to be able to proclaim our engagement without any delay."

In the face of this what could Ruth do but accept the invitation? She had not forgotten her promise to Mary, but it was evident that Mary must be set aside. Later on—as a married woman—Ruth would be able to take up the work again, under different conditions certainly, but openly and more freely. She had small fear of losing Sir Roger even if matters did not transpire as her lover hoped, for since he loved her, surely, he would put his pride aside when the pinch came, and she had money enough of her own to retrieve his fallen fortunes and set him up once more in the position that was his due. Certainly her father might oppose such a marriage, but in a little while she would be of age and her own mistress. Almost she hoped that Vanna Neal might lose the money entrusted to her, for in her heart, in spite of all that Roger had said, Ruth was afraid of Vanna and a little jealous of the undoubted place that the latter held in Roger's life.

Mary Paradyne listened attentively to Ruth's timid explanation, and though she could not approve, it was not in her nature—nor had she the right—to blame. She sighed mentally over her disappointment, but then she was accustomed to being disappointed and to putting a brave face upon it.

"I hope all will come well for you, dear," she said gently, "and you have my most heartfelt wishes for your happiness. I shall miss you most terribly—"

"But you are not going to lose me," cried Ruth impulsively. "Oh I promise you that."

Mary shook her head sagely. Experience had taught her that matrimony was the greatest bar to such work as she pursued. She had not, in consequence, given up all idea of it for herself.

"But remember Ruth," she added, "that if ever you care to come, if there should be any change in your prospects, I ask nothing better than to be your guide in the future as I have been in the past. A word from you, a line—and I am at your service. And now, dear, shall we set about our business? Old John will be getting anxious?"

The two girls paid for their modest fare and passed out into the street. As they threaded their way briskly in the direction of Soho conversation was not at first easy. Ruth too seemed lost in her own thoughts. When she spoke it was as though she forced herself to do so. Mary wondered if her friend's silence was due to regret at parting from her and from the life with which she had appeared so anxious to identify herself.

"What made you say that you almost feared you would not be able to come to-day?" Ruth asked.

"I believe you overwork yourself, Mary, and even though you are strong—"

"Oh, it's not that at all," laughed the other. "The fact is I've been helping to nurse a young man who is lodging in the same house as myself. He has been ill—grievously ill—ever since he arrived in London from Australia some three weeks ago, and nobody knows anything about him, except the name he gave, and that is Hal Cope. He's getting better now, and it seemed as if he might be able to talk rationally this afternoon, so Mrs. Grubbe—my landlady, you know—asked if I would not be with him. But, of course, Ruth, I put you before everything else."

As she finished speaking the two girls turned into the narrow court—a squalid spot, offensive to every sense—where old John Weston had his abode. Ruth had not time, even had she been sufficiently interested in it, to comment upon her friend's story. The hour had grown late, and there were several visits to be paid.

A little way down the court they came upon John Weston, junior, lounging against a post, a cigarette between his lips. He was talking to a sandy-haired youth of particularly vicious mien, whose watery eyes were fixed admiringly upon him, appreciative of the blasphemy-laden speech. A little later on, when the gas was lit, these two would make their way to the more crowded thoroughfares in the pursuit of their "profession"—anything in the way of mean thieving that came to hand—and to Mary's quick intuition it was evident that the vapid-faced boy was a new recruit, one whom Jack Weston had taken in hand as a pupil—for it was part of his business to train thieves.

"Know me next time, won't you?" remarked the youth impertinently, noticing that Mary's eyes were fixed upon him.

Jack Weston turned and recognised the newcomers. He touched his cap and removed his cigarette from his lips. He was always cringingly polite to Mary and Ruth, since it was evidently to his interest to be so. He was quite aware that they knew all about him, but they would not betray him either to his father or to anyone else for the sake of the old man's feelings. They were simply obliged to keep up the deception. He had tried to direct a measure of their charity to his own direction by pretending reformation, but Mary had very quickly gauged the truth of this, and he had given it up as a bad job.

"Don't be rude to the lydies, Joey," he said sharply, then, addressing Mary : "the old man's expecting yer, miss," he continued. "Very feeble and ill he is this afternoon, too. I got off work early and came home." Lies came so naturally to him that he spoke them even when it was evident that he would not be believed.

Mary nodded, and passed on. Ruth's hand rested upon her arm and now the pressure of it was slightly increased.

"What a vicious face!" Ruth whispered. "I mean the face of the boy. I don't know why, but though I have never seen it before—"

"I have," interrupted Mary, "though I could not at first think where. But I know now. The lad was a stowaway on the ship that brought Hal Cope to England, and the latter befriended him. He hung about the house for days after the man was taken ill, and then he drifted away : it was necessary to look after himself, I suppose. And this is what he has come to. I wish I could get him out of the clutches of Jack Weston."

"You never could," returned Ruth with a shudder. "There are some whom it is impossible to redeem—and that boy is one of them. His face frightens me, and I shall see it in my dreams. I have a curious feeling—don't laugh at me, Mary—that he will work me some ill. It's

THE LADIES' CORNER.

THE CASINO TOILETTE.

At this season of the year social life is very much centred in the big casinos at the fashionable plages, In the afternoon there are concerts, children's balls, floral battles ; and in the evenings there are cotillons, etc. The ravishing toilettes worn on these occasions have a more than temporary importance, however, for in them we see the first indications of the modes that will prevail in the autumn. The casino toilette possesses the merit of being almost universally becoming, writes a special correspondent, who is now studying the art of dress at San Sebastian. It is practically the same as was the Parisienne theatre toilette of two years ago—before the Ligue des petits chapeaux came into existence. There is something essentially attractive about the evening gown accompanied by a delicate scarf or fragile wrap and a picture hat. This is the costume in which the old painters love to depict the famous beauties of many Courts, and after all those old painters knew their business. They knew that it was their duty as well as their pleasure to show lovely woman at her very best. An effort, however, has been made this season at San Sebastian to introduce "bare heads" at the Casino. In fact, there is a tendency to adopt the style of dress worn at the London theatres. Many notable Spaniards have appeared at the Casino without hats, but French women have not adopted this fashion as yet. The ideal Casino hat is "picture," without exaggeration. It is made of the lightest possible straw—crin for choice—and it is trimmed with masses of choice flowers or with soft feathers in pale pastel tones. I would like to warn women against the short short-waisted jacket which is still so popular. These most unbecoming little coatees just cover the waist-line, which is almost always belted in at the back, the belt or strap stretching across the back half-way between the waist and neck. To have a smart gown just now is to have one made with long sleeves. The dressmakers are planning novelties in long sleeves for the autumn, for it is expected that they will be the conspicuous feature of costumes.

COLOURS FOR THE AUTUMN.

Strong, but of light weight, and very serviceable are the new materials that are destined for autumn wear. The warm-coloured cheviots noticed and admired in Scotland are fast making their appearance in London windows; they are chiefly seen in soft nature colours, olive greens, leaf and russet browns, and an undertone of grey softens ordinary blues and purples. There is even a suggestion of grey about some of the reds—just as the underside of a leaf will often show a silvery hue, and as a plum is shaded by what we call "bloom." Many of these hues and tones are composed by blending in almost indefinable checks threads of green, grey, blue and black—or purple and green, are harmonized and mingled with brown, or brown has a glint of green and yellow. In many instances the necessories of a gown and its trimmings will be grey, i.e., grey kid belts and facings, silver and grey soutache trimmings and braids and grey hats with shaded feathers.

DEARER AMBER.

Women can bear with equanimity the news that pipe makers anticipate a time when the popular "bi lar" will be a treasured curio, for there are signs already of a coming exhaustion of the supply of briar root, but the statement that amber threatens to give out is much more serious, amber being used for many other things besides mouthpieces. As an ornament, amber is enjoying unwonted favour just now, and is being made up into many trinkets, besides the familiar strings of cut beads. As an embroidery for evening dresses, for instance, it is remarkably effective and cut amber buttons look extremely well. Much of the amber of commerce comes from mines off the Baltic Sea. Quantities used also to be washed ashore by the waves after storms, but this source of supply, like the first, is failing, and a great advance in the price of amber is said to be inevitable. Amber is one of the "lucky" jewels. For untold ages it has been regarded as a charm against disease and witchcraft. The modern world, however, does not give amber the high place in medicine that it had in ancient days, although a volatile oil with antispasmodic qualities is distilled from it.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, Sept. 17.

1. There will be Drill for Recruits at the Town Hall to-day Tuesday the 17th instant from 6 p m.
2. The Corps will furnish an Escort to Sir Sydenham Clarke, on the occasion of his landing on Friday 18th October at 8 a.m.

Dress White tunic, blue pantaloons, black knee boots, and white helmets.

H. S. SYMONS, Lieut.,
Offg. Comdt. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Sept. 17,

220—Detail for the week ending Saturday, the 21st instant :—
To-day Tuesday the 17th—School of Arms, at the Y M C Association at 6-30 p m.
Entrance by the side Gate leading direct to the Gymnasium.
II—Practice for Buglers near Skating Rink at 6-30 p m.
Thursday the 19th—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 p.m.
III—" L " Coy. Parade at 7-45 a m on company parade ground.
III—" I " Coy. Parade at 4-15 p.m. on company parade ground.
IV—" M " Coy. Parade at 3 15 p m. on company parade ground.
Friday the 20th—School of Arms, at the Y M C Association at 6-30 p m.
Entrance by the side Gate leading direct to the Gymnasium.
II—" K " Coy. John Connon School Parade at 3-30 p. m. on company parade ground.
III—All Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p m. Dress—Mufti.
Saturday the 21st—" H " Coy, Parade at 7-30 a. m. on company parade ground.
Subject for all the companies during the week, pages 115 to 125 Training Manuals, appendix 1905.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt. B. V. R

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Sept. 17.

295 STRENGTH.

The following members having joined is taken on the strength of the corps and posted as follows :—
No 1112 Gr J E Jeffrey and No 1113 Gr E J Bennett No 3 Co ; No 1114 Gr D A Young No 1 Co.

296 PROFICIENCY CLASS.

A Proficiency Class will commence on Saturday the 21st inst. All Non Proficient Non-Com Officers, are requested to attend Parade at the Saluting Battery, Apollo Bunder, in Plain clothes, at 5 p.m.

R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt. B. V. A.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	2	13
B Mandvi, Chakla, Comarkhadi and Dongri	1	1	16
C Market, Dhond Talao Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	1	1	18
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar and Mahalaxmi	0	0	7
E Mazagon, Tarwaty, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	2	2	30
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	1	1	14
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	6
Sewa Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	7
Total	7	9	111
Total plague deaths to date ..	141,003	3	4 109
Same date last year			

CHOLERA.

Attack.	Death.
3	3

THE RAT CAMPAIGN.

The following table shows the results of the rat campaign :—

SEPTEMBER 16th 1907.

Ward.	Alive.	Dead.	Found Infected.
A	39	43	1
B	304	167	13
C	95	93	2
D	75	25	0
E	124	58	0
F & G	66	1	0
Total to date	801	377	16
Total rats killed			393

BY THE WAY.

THE BULGARIAN ANNIVERSARY.

A correspondent writes from Sofia : "Bulgaria is celebrating this week with fetes and rejoicings the twentieth anniversary of Prince Ferdinand's accession to the throne. Sofia, the picturesque capital, has put on its gayest attire, and the streets are thronged with people who have travelled from the most remote villages and towns to do honour to the ruler during whose reign towns to do honour to the ruler during whose reign they have achieved their real freedom and have realised their dream of actual, instead of nominal, independence. The Pavilion, in which will take place the principal ceremonies, has been erected on the parade-ground just outside the city on the Constantinople road. A very representative organising committee, which has been working for weeks, consists of the Mayor, M. Todoriff, a member of the Town Council ; an engineer, an architect, two or three delegates from the Ministries, two leading artists, the director of the theatre, and the Town Commandant.

A STATELY CEREMONY.

Now Sofia is beflagged and decorated in an unprecedented manner, the Pavilion has been artistically furnished with beautiful carpets, priceless art treasures, and valuable pictures, borrowed from the Prince's Palace. Here Prince Ferdinand will receive the congratulations of the Corps Diplomatique, as well as of all the State officials invited to attend ; they include the members of the Parliament (Sobranje), representatives of local standing committees, prefects of districts, mayors of towns, and commanders of garrisons, ex-ministers and ex-representatives of local councils ; and heads of religious bodies will also be present.

A NATION'S REJOICING.

"The official dress in the morning will be evening dress suits on which decorations will be worn Military and Naval officers being in full uniform. A religious ceremony will be held first, after which will come the congratulations and speeches. Addresses will be handed to us is Royal Highness, and a grand parade of the troops will follow. In the evening the illuminations and fireworks will be on a grand scale, and there will be a State dinner at the Palace. Feverish excitement prevails, and the streets are thronged with peasants in their gayest national dress. The popularity of the Prince has grown steadily; the people have seen in him their liberator ; their country under his wise government has regained its self-respect. Tranquillity and order reign in towns and villages alike ; commerce is increasing, and progress in the best sense is rapidly going forward. Naturally, the people, a sensible level-headed, ambitious race—ambitions in the best sense—are deeply grateful to the man who has been able to restore Bulgaria into the keeping of Bulgarians, while living on good terms with Russia and Turkey, as well as with all the other foreign nations."

ANCIENT VIKING MUSIC.

The *Violin Times* for September has an account of an interesting musical performance on the occasion of a State banquet, given at the Palace at Christiania, by King Haakoo, in honour of the King and Queen of Denmark, who were visiting Norway. Ancient music of the Vikings was played by them on the "laegleik," the crude guitar of the Norsemen, by an aged minstrel, Halden, who is a direct descendant of King Harald Haarfager. The instrument, which is described as "a rough, wooden, box-like thing with coarse strings," is said to be 300 years old, and at the touch of the aged musician—who is eighty years old and with long snowy beard and hair—" it produced the wild melodies of the Vikings' songs of love and war handed down from generation to generation." The effect was ' to bring tears to the eyes of many among the 350 guests who heard the weird music."

RECORDS RUN RIOT.

The latest foolishness in the making of freak records is the piano long-distance champion hip which is shortly to be contested in the North of England. A Stockport man, who at present holds the record, has been challenged by a Bolton man for £100 a side. The competitors are to start playing together from memory and th one who plays the longest wins. A somewhat similar contest took place about a year ago in Paris, when an Italian dancing-master won a £40 wager by waltzing continuously for fourteen hours. The best of his opponents gave in at the end of the eighth hour. During the progress of the dance the unfortunate judges had to listen to 248 different waltzes. A little more than thirty years ago, an American started to walk round and round the Agricultural Hall at Islington in the vain hope of walking 500 miles in six consecutive days. At the end of the first day he was twelve miles to the good, but by the fifth day he was thirteen miles behind. He had covered 450 miles when the pistol was fired at midnight on the sixth day.

ELTHAM COMMON RESCUED.

As a result of correspondence with the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, the War Office has decided to abandon a scheme for erecting married officers' quarters upon part of Eltham Common. It has been ascertained that, though no rights of common have actually been exercised for many years, there are freehold tenements in respect of which commonage rights are appendant. A movement is now on foot to place Eltham Common under the regulations of the "Metropolitan Commons Act," on the understanding that power to use the land for military purposes shall be reserved. It is a significant fact that during last month alone more than fifty fresh cases of interference with public rights to footpaths and commons have been referred to the "Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society."

ROUGHING IT.

A glance at the August magazines gives one the impression that modern man does not know what he wants or what amuses him, otherwise he would not require so many hundred paragraphs of advice on what to do with the holidays. The actor's preference for going to see someone else act ; the countryman's liking for a long day in a tightly packed railway carriage ; and the Londoner's delight in half-an-hour's sail on the sea, and its resultant mal-demer, are so familiar that they hardly seem strange. One of the oddest amusements on record was the pastime with which Peter the Great beguiled his leisure time at Evelyn's house at Deptford. The diarist was justly proud of his holly hedge, and Peter adapted it to the interests of sport by sitting in a wheelbarrow and making a servant charge with him into the hedge, as hard as he could go. The most ardent apostles of the virtues of "roughing it" could scarcely outdo this.

THE TROUBLES OF THE COUNTRY COUSIN.

There are times when shopping in London presents great difficulties to the country cousin. He is in the West End, and wants a lamp-wick or a clothes-brush. Can he get them in the Strand, where attention seems wholly concentrated upon newspapers and aerated bread ? Or in Regent Street where you may get clothes and furnitare, as well as things to eat ? Or down in Whitechapel, where Sunday garments are kept safe from dust and moths, at the pawnbroker's ? If he is a member of one of the big Stores, he is, no doubt, as well off as if he were in Little Peddlington ; if not, he may wait for what he wants till he visits some unfashionable relative at Crouch End or Tooting.

START OF THE BERRY-POISONING SEASON.

Although most wild fruits have been much belated by the inclement weather, the berry-poisoning season has already set in with premature severity. Some children in West Cumberland have met with disaster by mistaking for "red currants" the pretty berries of Mezereon (Daphne Mezereum), which, though called by a Persian name, is probably a native of South Britain. London urchins luckily lack both inclination and opportunity for these adventures. There are in Epping Forest, not far from Chingford, some specimens of the Spindle-Tree (*Euonymus Europæus*), the fruit of which is thought poisonous, except by birds ; and woodnightshade abounds in Hainault Forest, recently acquired by the County Council. But these tempting berries, fortunately, do not ripen during the season of school-treats. Moreover, young Cockneys possess more mental alertness than their country cousins, and share Plato's distrust of the "phenomenal" world.

ALFRED DE MUSSET'S COPYRIGHT.

By the lapse of Alfred de Musset's copyright his heir loses an income of about a thousand a year ! A recent number of the *Temps*, from which these figures are taken, states that after the death of Madame Paul de Musset, the poet's sister-in-law, his copyrights became the property of his sister, Madame Lardinde Musset, on her death in 1905 all royalties accruing to her son. As, however, fifty years have now elapsed since Musset's death, the latter's usufruct was of short duration.

TOO LATE.

The old, old story ! Alfred de Musset died poor. In a letter from his brother to the Prefet of the Seine, dated Paris, June 2,1857, the request is made for a gratuitous concession of burial ground. " Like the majority of great poets," added the writer, "Alfred de Musset leaves no money." It was not till twenty years later that his poems became valuable property. The poet's mother had died in the interval, and the royalties were then divided between Musset's brother and sister. The first taking dramatic, the other poetic, rights. A movement is now set on foot in France for the securing of perpetual copyright; in fact, to put literary property on a footing with any other. Herbert Spencer in his System of Ethics upholds this view, and most authors will probably side with him. But how many copyrights—say, of contemporary fiction—will be worth anything half a century hence ?

THE TWO SERVICES.

AT a time when the gunlayers' test in the Home Fleet is claiming prominent attention, comes to hand the splendid result achieved in this annual practice in the Mediterranean Fleet. Although no 12-pounder gun in the latter fleet has done so well as the cruiser 'Berwick," of the Portsmouth Division of the Home Fleet, which has just made nine hits in nine successive rounds in 45 seconds and an average for eight 12-pounders of eight hits per minute, the result of the test in the Mediterranean Fleet are, collectively, very good. The scores are as follow :—

	Rounds.	Hits.	Averages per minute. Rounds.	Hits.
"Formidable"	197	120	11.94	7.27
"Venerable"	176	99	12.57	5.86
"Venus"	84	45	10.43	5.21
"Irresistible"	156	80	9.56	4.85
"Bacchante"	114	55	10.57	4.82
"Aboukir"	90	53	9.00	4.73
"Queen"	137	77	8.30	4.66
"Diana"	76	34	9.31	4.12
"Minerva"	71	31	8.41	3.76
"Prince of Wales"	137	60	8.30	3.64
"Implacable"	153	59	9.37	3.57
"Suffolk"	61	23	8.32	3.14
"Lancaster"	54	23	7.36	3.14

Everything points in the direction of an all round improvement in this years' gunlayers' test, and a gratifying feature of the returns will be the excellent progress which has been made by ships with nucleus crews, is now being practically certain that the Home Fleet will hold a proud position in the official record of this year's firing practices.

COALING SHIP.

The orders issued by Admiral Lord Charles Beresford with reference to the time to be allowed the crews of the Channel Fleet for meals when the ships are being coaled, directs attention to the very heavy and arduous work which now devolves alike upon officers and men on these occasions. The Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet has for years emphasised the importance of rapid coaling from the standpoint of the "instant readiness" of a fleet for any emergency that might arise ; indeed, there are few factors in efficiency upon which Lord Charles Beresford sets a higher value than quick coaling. There is little doubt that, under the former arrangements of having ships in the Dockyard Reserve, even straining the crews to the utmost would not have got the ships ready for emergency service in much less than a week, even supposing that the ships were complete in every respect in their hull and machinery ; and it is evident to anyone not even connected with the Navy that the new arrangements in regard to the Reserve Divisions are an immense improvement on the old, in this as in other respects. The taking in of quantities of coal up to as much as 2,000 tons, according to the size of a ship, is an operation at which probably officers and men of the Navy work harder than is done in any form of manual labour on shore, and for which they receive very little recognition, beyond a small pecuniary allowance to the men for the extra wear and tear of clothes involved. The speed of coaling has been more than doubled since the advent of inter-ship competitions, and notwithstanding that the structure of the modern warship necessarily retards the method of coaling, appliances have been brought into use to assist the ship's companies in the expeditious performance of the work until it has now reached a stage when as much coal can be got on board in an hour as was formerly shipped in a day's work.

NAVAL SHOOTING IN THE U. S. A.

The United States of America follow our example of publishing annually the result of the shooting of their vessels of war; and the order of merit of its fleets and ships. As in our own case, the actual worth of the figures given is only relative, and no indication of how they are arrived at is published. Thus, while the officers and men of their Navy can see how their ships stand in relation to each other, and are stimulated to put forth their best efforts to get a good place on the list, yet the essential secrets of the State are not disclosed, The Pacific Second Squadron, under Admiral Swinburne, takes pride of place and is as much as 20 per ent, ahead of the next best fleet on the list ; although there is not a single battleship in this squadron which consists of the "Boston, Chicago Charlestown Yorktown, Princeton, Preble," and "Paul Jones." This fleet comes out with 74·866 points ; while the Second Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet, which consists of the "Kearsarge, Kentucky, Alhama, Indiana, Iowa" and "Ohio" secure 62·456 points. The best battleship of the American Navy was the "Illinois," which was awarded 75·782 points; while the best cruiser, the " Boston," received 70·897 points. The gunboat trophy was won by the "Princeton," with 73·395 points, while the "Hull" won the gunnery prize for torpedo craft with 76·445 points. In the American Navy the accuracy of torpedo aim is rewarded in a similar way to that of gunnery accuracy and this is a feature of their competitions we might very well copy. This year the "Preble" won the torpedo contest (one of the crack Second Squadron, Pacific Fleet). The evenness of the shooting of the ships forming this latter fleet was remarkable, each ship being what is known as a "star" ship—i. e., ships which obtain at least 85 per cent. of the final merit of the trophy winners of their respective classes of battleships, cruisers, &c. The shooting of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, as a whole, was also very even ; the Atlantic Fleet scoring 59·346 points, while the Pacific Fleet although it contained the best shooting squadron, secured only the sligtly inferior figures of 59·241 points. The basis of calculation not being known it is impossible to compare the American Fleet with our own, but the above figures show that the spirit of gunnery emulation is every whit as keen in the American Navy as in the British, and that the officers and men of our own Navy have rivals treading close upon their heels ; and no abatement in zeal and energy can be allowed by our officers commanding. The United States got to work first in scientific naval shooting, and this year's records show that they mean to hold their own among the world's fleets. Last year the general average of final merit was 64 percent. in the ships of their Navy this year it is 71 per cent.

THE THAMES DEFENCES.

Mr. Haldane has expressed to Major General D. A Scott, commanding the Thames and Medway Coast Defences, his satisfaction with what he saw during the siege operations at Chatham. He had been impressed with the scientific spirit displayed, and with the evidence that the thinking attitude was prevalent amongst the officers under General Scott's command, while the manœuvres were proof of the development that had taken place. This commendation was well deserved, because in the Chatham operations all the troops displayed the greatest keenness and zest, combined with skill and the evidences of high training. The trenches, parallels, and bomb proofs of the infantry, much of the work executed by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were admirably executed. In the same way the Artillery formed and dug their own positions, planted their batteries, arranged their communications and constructed connecting trenches with very conspicuous skill. The Royal Garrison Artillery merited particularly high praise ; and as to the Royal Engineers, they showed great capacities for the attack, constructing zigzags and trenches up the hill side, preparing for cover, sapping and mining through the chalk, charging their mines, firing them, and then occupying and enabling the infantry to occupy and defend the craters formed, all constituting very difficult and laborious work calling for great military qualities. Mr. Haldane therefore expressed approval that was well deserved, and all those who were privileged to be present at the operations will echo what he has said.

GUNS "AT THE SHOP."

Soldiers who saw in certain papers the letters of "A Servant of the Crown" concerning ragging alleged to have taken place at the Royal Military Academy were able to appreciate the circumstances with considerable accuracy. Those who know "The Shop" are well aware that when "cubs" arrive they have to be "licked into" shape. Some horseplay there may be, and there is a great deal of good-natured fun, but cases of ragging as that term is generally understood, are rare. We have never ceased to denounce brutal ill-treatment of youngsters, be they "snookers" at Woolwich or new arrivals at other military establisements, but we hoped there is no evidence of anything of the kind at the Royal Military Academy. A certain wholesome discipline is exercised by the seniors over the newly-joined cadets, and manly boys do not question the beneficial effect The system has been modified, and very few ever suffer unless they contrive to make themselves unpopular. The "snookers' concert" is an amusing form of testing the qualities of a new arrival, and it does him no harm if, when he is asked to sing a song of his own choosing, his efforts are drowned by the voices of his new comrades, or if when he fails to please, he is made to hop round the room as a penalty for his vocal deficiencies. These are, of course, instances of worse things happening than this but they are few and far between, and we are very sorry that the headline, "Ragging at Woolwich" should have found its way into the papers. We believe the Commandant may be trusted most thoroughly to keep this system of informal discipline, which obtains also at the public schools, within proper limits. Undoubtedly excesses should be repressed with great severity but there is no real evidence that any have lately occurred.

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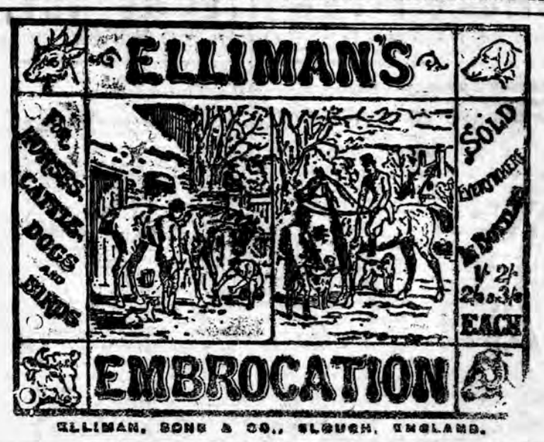

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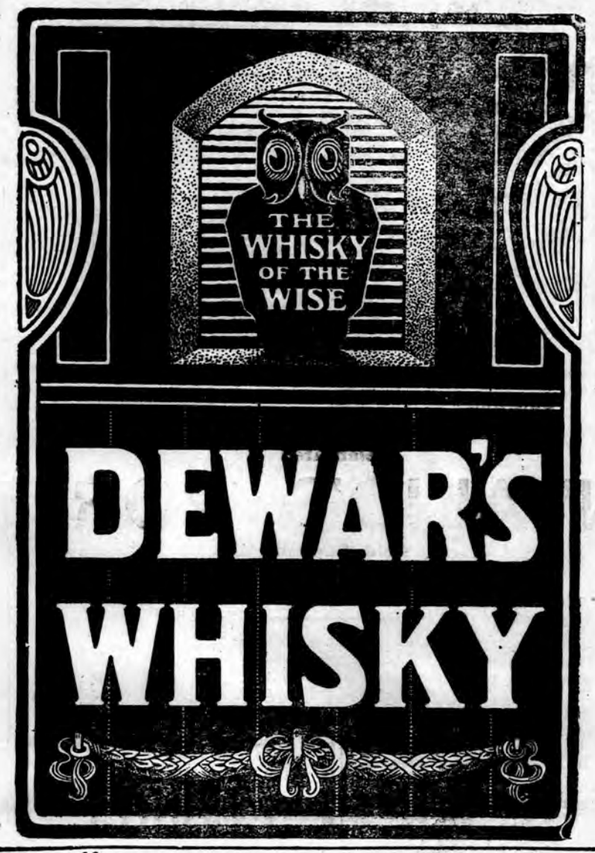

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